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CRUSHING BLOW

TO RUSSIAN FLEET

Japan Put Eleven Warships Out of Action in Twenty-Four Hours

Transports Bearing 2000 Russian Troops Captured by Japan—The Japanese Show Remarkable Pluck and Skill in Battle—Russia Complains of Japanese Attack Before a Formal Declaration of War—Troops of Both Powers Being Poured Into Korea—Land Battle Imminent

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A SPECIAL DESPATCH FROM TOKIO DATED TODAY SAYS IT IS REPORTED THERE THAT THREE TRANSPORTS OF THE RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS' FLEET, CONVEYING ABOUT 2000 TROOPS, HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE OFF THE KOREAN COAST.

RUSSIA LOSES ELEVEN WARSHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A summary of the losses sustained by Russia in the first 24 hours of the war with Japan shows that 11 Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another and that the Japanese did not lose a ship.

The losses were as follows:

1—Battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

2—Battleship Cesarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

3—Battleship Pollava (hole below water line), at Port Arthur.

4—Armored cruiser Boyarin, disabled by Japanese fire at Port Arthur.

5—Cruiser Pallada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached.

6—Cruiser Novik, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

7—Cruiser Askold, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

8—Cruiser Diana, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

9—First class armored cruiser Varlag, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

10—Torpedo gun vessel Korietz, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

11—Gunboat Mandju, said to have been seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki, Japan, where the Mandju was being repaired. Another report, however, says the Mandju is at Shanghai.

The Japanese fleet engaged seems to have consisted of two divisions under Admiral Kamimura, on the flagship Idzumo (armored cruiser) and Vice-Admiral Togo, on the flagship Asahi (battleship).

The Japanese vessels engaged were apparently, in addition to the Idzumo and Asahi, the battleship Fuji, the cruiser Oshima, the battleship Shikishima, the battleship Hatsuz, the armored cruiser Yakumo, the armored cruiser Asama, the armored cruiser Iwate, the cruiser Chitose, the cruiser Kasagi, the cruiser Takasago, and the torpedo gunboat Yoshino.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS OPENED ATTACK

LONDON, Feb. 10.—2 p. m. Official advices from Tokio, received by Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister, say, the Japanese admiral on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian cruisers giving them a time limit in which to leave. Shortly afterwards the Russians came out and attacked a Japanese torpedo boat which replied with a torpedo ineffectively. A general exchange of shots then followed. After a hot fire, the Russians returned to Chemulpo and sank at the entrance of the harbor. It is not yet known whether their sinking was due to the Japanese fire or to the Russian's own action; but it is believed to be due to the former. The crews of both the Russian vessels sought refuge on a French warship at Chemulpo. There were no casualties among the Japanese and their vessels sustained no damage.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS LOST AT CHEMULPO

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received official confirmation from Tokio of the destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first class cruiser Variag and the third class cruiser Korietz.

The cruiser Variag, which was built at Cramps shipyard, Philadelphia, in 1893, was of steel and unsheathed. She was of 6500 tons displacement and her indicated horse power was 20,000. On her speed trials she made 24 knots per hour for eight hours. She was 400 feet long, 52 feet in beam and had a depth of hold of 20 feet. The Variag's armament consisted of twelve 6-inch quick-firing guns; twelve 12-pounder quick-firing guns; eight 3-pounder quick-firers, two 1-pounders and six torpedo tubes, two of which were submerged.

The Korietz was built in Stockholm. She was of steel and 206 feet in length, 35 feet in beam, 1413 tons displacement and 1500 indicated horsepower. Her speed was 13 knots. The armament of the Korietz consisted of two 8-inch breech loaders, one 6-inch breech loader, four 4.7-quick firers; two six-pounder quick-firers; four 1-pound revolving cannon and two torpedo tubes.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON RUSSIAN FLEET

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A despatch to the Central News from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned there Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians, the despatch says, were small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser grounded.

"SUPREME MANIFEST" ISSUED BY THE CZAR

ST. PETRSBURG, Feb. 10.—The Official Messenger this morning contains the following "supreme manifest:"

"By the grace of God, we, Nichols II, emperor and autocrat of all the Russias, etc., make known to all our loyal subjects:

"In our solicitude for the maintenance of peace, which is dear to our heart, we make every exertion to consolidate tranquility in the far east. In these peaceful aims we signified assent to the proposals of the Japanese government to revise agreements regarding Korean affairs existing between the two governments. However, the negotiations begun upon this subject were not brought to a conclusion and Japan, without awaiting the receipt of the last responsive proposals of our government declared the negotiations broken off and diplomatic relations with Russia dissolved.

"Without advising us of the fact that the breach of such relations would in itself mean an opening of warlike operations, the Japanese government gave orders to its torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron standing in the outer harbor of the fortress of Port Arthur. Upon receiving reports from the viceroy in the far east about this, we immediately commanded him to answer the Japanese challenge with armed force.

"Making known this decision we, with unshaken faith in the help of the Almighty and with a firm expectation of and reliance upon the unanimous willingness of all our loyal subjects to stand with us in defence of the fatherland, ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces.

"Given at St. Petersburg, Jan. 27, 1904, A. D. (New calendar, Feb. 9, 1904), and in the tenth year of our reign.

"Written in full by the hand of

"His Imperial Majesty, Nicholas."

FUND OF $25,000 TO HELP JAPAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 10.—A committee of the Japanese association composed of the leading Japanese here has decided to raise $25,000 to help Japan in prosecuting the war with Russia.

MANY JAPANESE RETURNING HOME

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 10—Twenty-five Japanese sailed last night for Japan. They will be joined at Victoria by a like number of their countrymen. It is estimated that there are in this province between 12,000 and 18,000 Japanese and among them are between 3000 and 4000 men who are liable to be called upon to serve their country.

STEAMER COLUMBIA STRUCK BY A SHELL

CHEFOO, Feb. 10.—The British steamer Columbia, which arrived here yesterday from Port Arthur, bringing news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet, reports that the Columbia had a narrow escape from injury. Her passengers and crew were very much excited. While going out of the roads at Port Arthur, the Russian cruiser Novik got between the Columbia and the Japanese fleet. Shells which passed over the Novik struck around the Columbia. Her flag was cut into shreds and one shell fell on her deck. The faces of those who were on deck were blackened with powder smoke. A naval officer who was recently at Port Arthur says the Russians were not prepared for the attack on their ships and had an insufficient amount of steam up. A boat patrolled the straits of Pe Chi Li continuously, but apparently the Japanese torpedo boats were not noticed until after the first torpedo was fired. The Russians fired but the Japanese did not return the fire and backed off. An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the torpedo boats withdrew some distance. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the Japanese fast cruisers circled within view of the whole Russian fleet, but they were not engaged. The Russians returned towards the shore after an hour. The Japanese, continuing, came within three miles. A battle then began between Russian forts and fourteen ships and sixteen Japanese vessels. A few of the Japanese shells were effective, but as far as seen, the Russian shots fell short. The Japanese fleet was steaming towards Dalny when last seen.

The steamer Columbia left just before Tuesday morning's contest began and was unable to learn the result. It is probable that the Japanese fleet was convoying twenty-six troopships from Sasebo to some port of Korea. Japanese are reported to be in possession of the southern portion of the peninsula.

The Russian war vessels at Vladivostok are the armored cruisers Burik, Rossia, Gromoboi and the Bagatyr, a screw corvette, built in 1860. Russia has a thousand tons of coal at Port Arthur, but the coal must be taken out to the battleships in lighters until the battleships disabled by the Japanese are floated.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Vote to Settle the Erie Tax Cases for $28,000

Gas Hearing and Other Matters Disposed of -- Opposition to Giving State 50 Per Cent. of License Money

Both branches of the city council assembled in joint convention last evening and after hearing from City Solicitor Hogan and Hon. George F. Richardson on the status of the Erie tax cases and the offer of settlement in the sum of $28,000, voted 32 to 4 to instruct the city solicitor to effect a settlement at once.

Both branches, by concurrent vote, adopted a joint order introduced by Alderman Miskella, instructing the mayor and city solicitor to appear in opposition to the bill to give half the license money to the state at a hearing to be held at the state house today.

The board of aldermen gave a hearing on the petition of the Lowell Gaslight company for a franchise.

The upper branch refused to ballot for a member of the water board and laid the board of health appointments on the table.

The common council transacted but little business and adjourned early.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

At 8.45 Chairman Miskella called to order with all the members present.

A minor hearing was given on the petition of the Electric Light company to erect poles in order to wire to the new French church, and there was no remonstrance.

A joint order providing for a reduction of 10 per cent. in all water bills paid within 30 days, to go into effect April 1, was read and adopted.

Aldermen Wilson and Hill were appointed a special committee to approve the clerk's record.

A couple of street petitions were referred to the street committee "when such committee shall be appointed."

CHAIRMAN MISKELLA'S RESOLUTION.

Chairman Miskella then read the following resolution introduced by himself:

Resolution expressing disapproval of Lowell's city council to bill before the Mass. legislature.

Resolved, by the board of aldermen and common council of the city of Lowell in city council assembled, as follows:

That whereas the bill now pending in the Mass. legislature entitled, "Relative to the appropriation of fees for the sale of intoxicating liquors to be paid to the Commonwealth," provides that one-half of the money obtained from licenses for the sale of liquors in all cities of the Commonwealth shall be paid into the state treasury, instead of one-fourth of the amount, as at present, and

Whereas, the city of Lowell, if such a bill became law would be obliged to pay to the state more than $80,000 of its license money instead of over $40,000, as at present, it is

Resolved, that such a law would work a great hardship upon the city of Lowell, and be it further

Resolved, that the city council of the city of Lowell, hereby enter its disapproval of the protest against the said bill becoming law, and that his honor the mayor and the city solicitor be requested to appear in remonstrance at a hearing to be given at the state house, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1904."

Mr. Miskella spoke briefly in favor of the resolution, stating that as the citizens of Lowell had voted for license it would seem that the city of Lowell was entitled to all the financial benefits accruing therefrom. In the last year of license he said the total amount paid for licenses was $171,243, of which $43,000 went to the state and $128,183 to the city. Under this proposed law the state will receive $43,000 more, and he believed that that amount should not be lost by the city.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

A joint order for a joint convention to be held forthwith to consider the Erie tax cases was adopted and a recess was taken until such time as the lower branch would be ready.

JOINT CONVENTION.

At 9.15 o'clock Chairman Miskella called the joint convention to order. City Solicitor Hogan and Lawyer Richardson who have conducted the Erie tax cases for the city were among those present at the joint convention.

Chairman Miskella before reading the order authorizing the city solicitor to settle the tax cases introduced City Solicitor Hogan to explain their nature. Mr. Hogan explained that in 1899 Charles E. Adams, James W. Bennett, Levi Sprague, Charles J. Glidden, Francis Jewett, Asa C. Russell and J. W. C. Pickering were each taxed $2570 for stock in the Erie telephone company, the aggregate amount being $18,032.

The directors refused to pay the assessment and suit was brought in 1895. In 1898 the cases were tried against all except Adams and judgment of $4400 was obtained against each of the six. The supreme court of Massachusetts sustained the verdict of the lower court and counsel for the defence took one of the cases to the U. S. supreme court. In August last a decision was received in the city's favor. The interest and costs added to the original amount of $18,000 made a total judgment of $38,500 or an average of $5500 against each director.

"Mr. Richardson and myself," said Mr. Hogan, "have been trying to arrange a settlement. In four of the cases we could enforce execution immediately on the estates of Sprague, Jewett, Russell and Pickering. Now, when we started to enforce the executions a proposition was made to settle for $20,000 and we refused it, asking for at least $30,000. Finally they offered us the lump sum of $28,000 to settle all the cases and we thought it a good offer, all things considered. We did not have the temerity to refuse it and yet did not like to accept it without asking your consent. In the course of the 14 years during which the matter has been in litigation many changes have taken place and among those whom we sued are some who have since gone to the wall. In the cases of two of the men against whom there is judgment we are satisfied that we cannot collect and one we will never collect. Thus the $11,000 lost in these two cases would leave the city $500 less than the amount of this settlement. In addition to this the Adams case is yet to be tried and a trial will mean a great cost. We are not in a position to collect from Charles J. Glidden without more delay. The only money that we would be able to collect at once will be $16,500 from the Russell, Jewett and Sprague estates. It is possible in a year to get Adams and Glidden and it is possible that some future city solicitor may get Pickering's. The other we will never get. Thus all things considered we believe this settlement of $28,000 in cash to be paid in 10 days a most favorable one and recommend that you instruct us to make it."

Hon. George F. Richardson spoke briefly in endorsement of all that Mr. Hogan had said.

Chairman Miskella then read the joint order authorizing the city solicitor to make a settlement.

Alderman Carmichael wanted more time to consider the proposition and thought that the two boards should act separately on the matter.

Councilmen Dodge and Peterson apparently "had it in" for the Erie directors for they believed in getting every cent possible out of them.

Alderman Wilson stated that in private business the members would not hesitate to take the advice of such able counsel and while he was not familiar at all with the cases he was satisfied to accept the advice and judgment of the gentlemen who had spoken.

The matter was put to vote and the order was adopted by a vote of 32 to 4, Alderman Carmichael and Councilmen Dodge, J. W. Fleming and Peterson in the negative.

The convention then dissolved.

The board upon resuming its session adopted the Molly Varnum hearing order in concurrence and a hearing will be given on Feb. 23.

The mayor's appointment of Dr. Huntress and William R. Doherty was laid on the table by a strict party vote.

GASLIGHT HEARING.

The Chelmsford Gaslight company hearing was then in order and Edward D. McVey, president of the company, took the floor. Mr. McVey first took up his personal petition protesting against the additional burden placed upon gas consumers by the Lowell Gaslight company by the additional issue of 2000 shares of stock for a coal gas plant while it has a water gas plant which it proposes to allow to lie idle. He claimed that if the company built two things from capital stock and one lies idle the public should be taxed only for the one that earns an income. He asked the city council to go before the gas commissioners on the question.

He then took up the petition of the Chelmsford Gaslight company and showed that company to be a Massachusetts corporation, just as the Lowell Gaslight company, subject to the same laws and requirements. It is capitalized for $100,000, every cent of which must be paid in before a pick can be sunk in the streets. It has the permission of the town of Chelmsford to operate in any of the streets or roads in that town. Mr. McVey said that if the board would do its part and consider the proposition to pay the sum of $25,000 for a franchise the directors would live up to their proposition in the matter. He asked for the same rights in the city of Lowell as the Lowell Gaslight company now enjoys. He considered that the duty of the aldermen to their party ended when their duty to the people began. He believed his offer much fairer than was the position of the home company, which in violation of the law tore up the streets of the city at will. The offer was unusual, he knew, but he believed it was entitled to consideration as it was made in good faith and with sufficient backing to guarantee its fulfillment. The company is prepared to do business very quickly.

On motion of Alderman Gallagher the petition was laid on the table and Messrs. Gallagher and Fairweather appointed a special committee to look into the matter and report.

An order establishing the pay of supervisors of elections was adopted.

A motion to ballot for a member of the water board was defeated.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The common council met shortly after 9 o'clock and no business was done until after the joint convention was held.

The order for a hearing in joint convention on petition of Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R., that Memorial building be placed in charge of the public library trustees was adopted.

The order calling for $1000 for the erection of a municipal tar macadam plant was referred to the committee on streets in concurrence.

Several minor matters were passed.

The resolution expressing disapproval of the bill before the legislature to give one-half of the money realized from liquor license fees to the state was passed.

Four ballots were taken for superintendent of lands and buildings without any choice.

On the first ballot Alphonse Bibeault had seven, Walter W. Smith got 6, James B. Conlon received 5, George Roche got 3, John Kilpatrick received 2, and Messrs. Racicot, Foye, Walsh and Varnum got a vote apiece.

On the second ballot Bibeault received 13 votes, Conlon 6, Smith 4, Roche 3, and Walsh 1.

The third ballot had the following result: Smith 9, Conlon 5, Bibeault 4, Roche 3, Racicot 2, O'Connor 2, Kilpatrick 1 and Walsh 1.

On the final ballot Kilpatrick and Conlon were the high men with 9 votes each, while the trailers were Bibeault with 4 votes, Roche with 2, Smith with 2 and O'Connor with 1.

Adjournment was taken at 10.02.

ALL CITIZENS INVITED

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE WILL WELCOME SUGGESTIONS PERTAINING TO CITY'S MANAGEMENT.

The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations will give a public hearing at City Hall, Wednesday, February 10, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of obtaining the views of all citizens in relation to the management of city departments.

The committee will welcome any views which may be given in the direction of reducing the expenses of the city of Lowell or in relation to a more economical conduct of any department thereof.

FRANK M. DOWLING,
Clerk of Committees.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

Will be sold at public auction on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the store numbered 215 Dutton street, the entire stock of ladies' garments, furs, millinery and boys' clothing, also the fixtures. Terms cash. Morris Lenkin, mortgagee. E. E. Mansur, auctioneer, Lowell, Feb. 8, 1904.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 8, 1904. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in bill accompanying the petition of Henry R. Skinner and others, for legislation to prohibit or restrict the sale of toy pistols, fire-crackers and blank cartridges, at room No. 431, State House, on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. F. M. Heath, Chairman. Frank Sedberlich, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 8, 1904. The Committee on Probate and Chancery will give a hearing to parties interested in House bill No. 34, accompanying the petition of Frederick S. Deitrick and others for legislation to provide evening sessions of police, district and municipal courts for the purposes of naturalization, at room No. 441, State House, on Friday, Feb. 12, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Guy W. Cox, House Chairman. William H. Woodhead, Clerk of the Committee.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair and continued cold tonight. Thursday fair, probably followed by snow; warmer Thursday; brisk northerly winds.

CHIEF WADE DEAD

Head of District Police Passed Away

HE HELD THE POSITION SINCE 1879

Was an Eminent Authority on Ventilation

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Rufus R. Wade, chief of the Massachusetts district police, and a recognized authority on the subject of ventilation, died today at the his home in Somerville after a month's illness. Mr. Wade originally was attacked with the grip which developed many complications. He was born in Braintree in 1825. For eleven years he was an officer in various penal institutions of the state. Afterward he was chief of the United States secret service department for New England and in 1879 he was commissioned by Gov. Talbot to be chief of the district police. Chief Wade made an exhaustive study of ventilation and as an authority on this he was honored by the French government. He was president of the national association of factory inspectors of North America.

GREEK DOCTOR

Practised Medicine Without a License

The case of Atharasios Yiurukes, charged with practising medicine without being duly licensed, came up in police court today. Counsel for the defendant, after the government had rested its case, told the court that ignorance of the law was responsible, for the defendant's action and while he did not submit that as an excuse to be recognized by the court, he thought it would do no harm to admit it. He said that his client had graduated from a university in Athens and is a skilful physician. He further stated that his client had made application for a license to the state board and would take the examination March 8. He asked for a continuance of the case to that time.

Judge Hadley said that the minimum fine for the offence with which the defendant was charged is $100. He said he did not wish to be severe and told the clerk to find Yiurukes guilty and continue the case to March 11 for sentence. He told counsel for the defendant that in the event of his client failing to pass the examination the court would impose the minimum fine of $100.

Two witnesses appeared for the government. One of them said that the defendant had attended his wife in confinement and that he had also attended a child of his that died. He said he did not give the child any medicine, but recommended certain baths. He further stated that the defendant did not take any money for his services, but told the witness that he could settle with him after he, the defendant, had become a full-fledged doctor. The other witness said that the defendant had attended a child of his and that he had paid him for his services.

The defendant has been in Lowell about 45 days and those of his countrymen who know him in the old country say that he is a skilful physician and that he will have no trouble in passing the examination.

POLICE BOARD

MINOR LICENSES GRANTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

At the regular meeting of the police board last evening the following licenses were granted:

Pool and billiards, Alfred T. Howe, 3 Mammoth road, and Charles W. Greenwood, 109 French street.

Junk collector, Abram Nowack, 122 Howard street.

Hawker and peddler, William P. Stapleford, 3 West Adams street.

Lunch wagon, Patrick Daly, corner of Race and Merrimack streets.

The license of Special Officer Edward Farrell was revoked.

The common victualler's license held by Styrianopoulos & Pollchrenopoulos at 460 Market street was revoked.

FUNERALS

McLAUGHLIN—The funeral of Ethel May McLaughlin took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 54 Quebec street. There were a number of pretty floral pieces. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker J. F. Rogers.

WOODS—The funeral of Annie Woods took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her sister, Mrs. James Glynn, 9 Bassett street. The remains were taken to St. Peter's church, where the services were held, Rev. Fr. Mullin officiating. The bearers were John Lee, Owen Tighe, Maurice O'Connor, Arthur Libsey, Lote Healey, Tim Vaughan. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery, John J. O'Connell & Co. having charge of the funeral arrangements.

FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

WANTS $20,000 MORE

Superintendent Beals Asks an Additional Amount

As the Result of the Great Fall of Snow—Over That Amount Already Spent on Snow Clearing

Supt. Beals of the street department this morning sent a second estimate to the appropriations committee asking for $20,000 additional for clearing snow. His original estimate was $20,000, so that the aggregate amount asked for the year is $40,000.

Accompanying the estimate were figures showing the amount expended on snow since Jan. 1. The total amount spent from Jan. 1 to Feb. 6 was $24,149.52. Last week's pay roll was $6100, and the pay rolls for the next few weeks will be over $3000 each. The department at present is at work on the gutters, getting all open in case of a sudden thaw which may come without warning. With the gutters in good condition attention will be given to the numerous cradle-holes in the different streets.

Supt. Beals was obliged to put in a requisition for 25 loads of sand yesterday, his own supply running out. Since the present bad weather began 300 loads of sand have been used. When criticized for not sanding certain streets yesterday, Supt. Beals stated that the city is not obliged to keep the sidewalks covered with sand but merely does it as a matter of accommodation to the public, the abuttor being supposed to keep his sidewalk in safe condition as regards snow and ice.

The additional $20,000 asked is intended not only to cover the expense of any snow storms that may come during the remainder of the winter but any that may occur during next November and December.

FOUR CHILDREN

Found in Sadly Destitute Condition

THEIR MOTHER INSANE FROM HARDSHIPS

Judge Hadley's Solicitude for the Children

Four pretty, healthy, and not badly clad children were in police court today, having been rescued from a home of poverty and want in East Chelmsford, yesterday by Benjamin J. Loring, state officer of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Agent Richardson of the Humane society, and Constable Mooney of Chelmsford.

There are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Noble, and their mother, who is insane, will be sent to the state hospital at Tewksbury. Noble, Constable Mooney alleges, is a man without ambition and he has a strong love for drink. Mrs. Noble has been subject to fits for years and it is believed that the general distress to which she has been subjected during the last few months has unbalanced her mind. When Agent Richardson visited the house a few days ago he found her in a bed of rags with her husband standing watch over her. She was singing and talking in a rambling way. The Nobles have moved around from place to place and have not for years remained long enough in one place to gain residence.

The children, George E., 11; Annie, 9; Charles A., 5, and Albert H., 4, did not seem to realize what was happening when they were taken to the court room. They were seated on the settee in front of the desk and only once did any of them show any signs of emotion. Agent Richardson was telling of Mrs. Noble's condition and Annie overheard what he said and tears came to her eyes. It was evident, however, that the horror of the suffering which they endured at home was fresh in their memories. Each time it was spoken of they huddled closer and closer together.

State Officer Loring did not waste any words in telling his story to the court. He said he went to East Chelmsford in consequence of a report made by Agent Richardson. He found the Noble family occupying a three-room house. "The house," said Mr. Loring, "was wretched beyond description. The beds were made of rags and everything in the house, including the children and their father and mother, was filthy. The woman was crazy and lay on a bed of rags.

Her husband was standing over her in order to prevent her from getting up. There wasn't a morsel of food in the house and only wood enough to last a few hours. The man said he couldn't go to work because, he said, he had to stay at home and look after his wife and care for the children. He said he was trying to do the best he could. I afterwards learned, however, that he is a drinking man and very abusive to his wife and family while in liquor. The family have been state paupers for the last five or six years and the children will be much better in the care of the state than in such a home as was provided them at East Chelmsford."

Agent Richardson brought the children to Lowell from East Chelmsford last evening. He wrapped them in blankets, and he said they seemed to enjoy the ride.

Judge Hadley was very much interested in the little unfortunates. He spoke of the sadness of it, but hoped that the state would succeed in finding good homes for them. He brought candy from his office and treated the children before they were taken down stairs.

Tickets for "Friends" on sale at the opera house Wednesday and Thursday.

LEAP YEAR PARTY

BY YOUNG LADIES OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

The leap year party which will be under the management of the ladies of St. Michael's parish and which will be held in Huntington hall tomorrow night, promises to be the greatest ever held by the parish and will attract people from all sections of the city. The affair will be managed exclusively by the young ladies, and judging from the advance sale of tickets the hall will be crowded to its fullest capacity. Early in the evening there will be an entertainment given by the St. Cecilia Mandolin club which has established quite a reputation in amateur musical circles. There will also be vocal selections by Miss Julia Smith, Miss McDonald, and Miss Shunney. Following the entertainment there will be dancing until midnight. A feature of the dancing that will be certain to please all will be the march. The gentlemen will be asked to purchase a heart to which will be attached a number. The young ladies also will buy hearts which will be numbered. When it comes time to start the march the young ladies will choose for partners the young men who have numbers corresponding to the ones held by the young ladies. There are two lively contests on between John W. Cox and Walter F. Hickey, and Miss Kate Conmee and Miss Kate Chisholm. In the afternoon there will be an entertainment for children.

Tickets for "Friends" on sale at the opera house Wednesday and Thursday.

SLEIGHRIDE PARTY

MERRIMACK ENGRAVERS HAVE JOLLY TIME.

The engravers and pentagraphers of the engraving department of the Merrimack mills conducted a pleasant sleighride party Saturday evening to Tyngsboro and a jolly time was had. The start was made from Monument square at 7.45 and the party reached the town hall in Tyngsboro shortly after 9 o'clock. Dancing was then begun and continued until 12 o'clock to the music of the Imperial orchestra. At midnight an appetizing supper was served in the lower hall, followed by brief remarks by leading members of the party. After supper a general social time was in order until 2 o'clock when the start was made for home, arriving here about 3.45 Sunday morning.

The delightful affair was under the efficient management of Messrs. Geo. Fraser and Walter Flaherty.

GOING TO SEE "FRIENDS"?

Those persons who saw the production of "Rosedale" two years ago by the Dramatic club of the Catholic Young Men's Lyceum, will be interested in the presentation of "Friends" by the same company next Thursday evening at the opera house. John H. Quinn, who staged "Rosedale" so successfully has been rehearsing the company the past three months, and the pick of the dramatic talent of the society is in the cast. Miss Ethel Ranger, the talented soprano of St. Patrick's choir essays the role of Marguerite, the prima donna, the part created by Selina Fetter Royle.

The fact that the entire proceeds will go toward rebuilding St. Patrick's church, will ensure a good house. Good tickets can be had at the Merrimack Clothing company's today, or at the opera house tomorrow and Thursday.

PORTUGAL'S FINE EXHIBIT.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 9—John Taylor Lewis, world's fair commissioner to Brazil and Portugal, has returned to St. Louis and reports that Portugal will send a very fine exhibit.

C. M. Reeves, secretary of the committee on legislation, received information today that Vermont and New Hampshire will each be represented at the exposition by a building. Vermont will reproduce the old Constitution House at Windsor, the house in which the first constitution of the state was adopted.



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IN POLICE COURT

Woman Stole Wedding Presents

HAD THEM CONCEALED IN HER TRUNK

Man Who Robbed Meat Market

WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL

Irate Armenian Got Six Months in Jail

Nora Walsh was in police court today and pleaded guilty to a complaint charging her with larceny. The case was continued to Saturday morning for sentence. The police gave the court to understand that Norah was suspected of other larcenies not named in the complaint.

The complainant is Charles A. Ranlett. Mr. Ranlett was married a short time ago and the items mentioned in the complaint, alleged to have been stolen by the defendant, were wedding presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Ranlett. When doilies and other things disappeared mysteriously a search was inaugurated and when every hole and corner in the house except Norah's trunk had been searched it was decided that that, too, should be looked into. When Norah heard that her trunk was to be searched she took an armful of doilies, napkins, and one thing or another and threw them into the stove. They were rescued before the fire had rendered them unrecognizable.

Several articles of silverware were found in the trunk and the police allege it bears the initials of the family that Norah worked for before going to the Ranlett home. Mr. Ranlett lives on the Bedford road in South Billerica. The police say the case will be an interesting one.

ONE YEAR IN JAIL.

James C. Brennan, the man who entered McGarvey's market at the corner of Central and Charles streets, Sunday, and carried away meats, vegetables and canned goods, pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with larceny and was sentenced to one year in jail. Brennan occupied a tenement over the market and gained entrance to the market by breaking through a board partition in the cellar.

JUDGE HADLEY DETERMINED.

Ives Johnson, an Armenian, pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with assault and battery on George Yoamides, a Greek. The interpreter in the case was Mr. Jordan S. Soyithes. He spoke in three languages: Greek to the Greek, Armenian to the Armenian and English to the court. Soyithes is an excellent interpreter.

The complaint charged Johnson with striking Yoamides on the head with a bottle. The bottle was placed in evidence and so was Yoamides' head. It was swathed in bandages and when the court asked him how badly he was wounded Yoamides removed the bandages and showed an ugly wound on his head. It was a Y shaped wound and Dr. Small, who attended Yoamides at the Emergency hospital, where his wound was dressed, said that one arm of the wound was about two and one-half inches in length and the other arm about three-quarters of an inch.

The trouble occurred at 123 Charles street Saturday night. Johnson and a companion were playing cards and were talking loud enough to disturb Yeamides. The latter begged them to stop talking, and finally he threatened to call the police. He was about to leave the bed to make good the threat when Johnson grabbed a lager beer bottle and struck him on the head.

Judge Hadley sentenced Johnson to six months in jail. "I am going to stiffen up on these sentences," said Judge Hadley. "These sudden outbursts of temper are becoming altogether too common. The next thing we will have homicide to deal with. Human life is altogether too precious to be imperiled in such a way."

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THE DOWD CASE

Both Sides Want Mayor Howe's Assistance

Among the visitors at Mayor Howe's office this forenoon was Mr. J. B. Cover who was present for the purpose of enlisting the mayor's assistance in fighting the movement to set free the prisoner Dowd alleged to be one of the men who murderously assaulted Mr. Cover.

A short time ago Senator Flynn of Lawrence, introduced by several prominent local citizens, besought the mayor's aid in favor of the release of Dowd so that his honor is placed in a peculiar position and will probably allow the matter to take its course without taking part in it either way.

The pick of the local dramatic talent in "Friends" at the Opera House, Thursday night.

FUNERALS

DUCHARME—The funeral of Edouard Ducharme took place yesterday from his son's home, 462 Adams street. The funeral services were held at 9 o'clock at St. Jean Baptiste's church, Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Joseph, Theophile and Remi, deceased's three sons, and Albert Ducharme, his grandson.

The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Joseph Albert had charge of the funeral.

CLARK—The funeral of William Henry Clark was held yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 6 Rockdale avenue and burial was in the Catholic cemetery, in charge of Undertaker Savage.

CHANGERO—The funeral of Mary E., infant daughter of Joseph and Annie Changero, was held yesterday from the home of her parents, 13 Burns street, and burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

SWEETSIR—The funeral of Mrs. Betsy W. Sweetsir was held yesterday afternoon from her residence, 32 Rock street. Services of an impressive nature were held at the house, Rev. Robert F. True, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, being the officiating clergyman. Mr. True also sang several appropriate hymns. Mrs. Sweetsir, who was 93 years old at the time of her death, was laid out in the dress which she wore on her wedding day 70 years ago. Burial was in the Edson cemetery in charge of Undertaker Ela.

FERGUSON—The body of Thomas Ferguson who died in New York on Feb. 1 arrived in this city yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock and was largely attended. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Peter Davey.

HOAR—The funeral of the late Martin Hoar took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 62 Wilson street, North Billerica, and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's church, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Tresche, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mr. James Fairbrother sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by different members of the choir.

There was a delegation present from North Billerica council, Royal Arcanum, of which the deceased was a popular member, the delegation consisting of the following members: Thomas Sheridan, Herbert Russell, William Cowdry and Patrick Kennedy.

The bearers were Messrs. John Connelly, Samuel Campbell, Peter Garner, and William Buston, friends of the deceased, and Edmund Costello and John Meehan representing the Royal Arcanum.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Tresche, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

NOT HIS LIQUOR.

It was inadvertently stated that the liquor seized at 605 Gorham street, Saturday evening, belonged to Fred Valley. The liquor did not belong to him.

Tickets for "Friends" on sale at the opera house Wednesday and Thursday.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

A large and appreciative audience witnessed the performance of Dion Boucicault's famous melodrama, The Octoroon, at the Academy of Music last night by the Empire Stock company. While the play itself is an old one, it was always a favorite and is today. But the play as presented last night was worthy of the applause it received and many of the old timers who have not visited a playhouse for many a night were in attendance. The old plays will never die out, so few of the old ones are now presented, that the people are wondering why they should not be presented.

The company is a strong one and the different roles are well portrayed by the members of the cast. The part of Zoe, the octoroon, is played in an admirable manner by Miss Alice Mund Dale, this young lady being possessed of a commanding appearance while her portrayal of the part is little short of perfection. Prince Elwood takes the role of George Peyton, and he plays it in a manner which brings forth much worthy applause. Edward A. Keer makes an excellent Jacob McCluskey, while the other members of the cast play their parts in an able manner.

The first act is laid in Judge Peyton's plantation in Louisiana, and during the action of the act, plantation songs are sung. The second act brings the audience to the steamboat landing where Little Paul is murdered. Act three is a drawing room in Judge Peyton's house, where the auction sale of the octoroon takes place. The fourth act is the same as the second act, the steamboat landing, but the presentation of the burning of the steamboat in this act is very thrilling and realistic, the audience being held spellbound while the boat burns to the water edge.

The last act is full of climaxes and exciting situations. In the first scene, which is laid in a cane break, Wimatee has his revenge, and scene two brings the spectators to Dido's hut, where Zoe secures the poison. The third scene is the drawing room of Judge Peyton's house, where Zoe is freed, and the performance closes with the tableau of Paul McCluskey and Wahnotee.

During the progress of the show and between the acts specialties are introduced as follows: Provo and Elmo, comedy jugglers; Miss Mabel Bell, acrobatic dancing; Billy Cullen, parodies, Miss Pearl Tytell, comedienne; Jumatee Kelley, popular songs; Prince Elwood, monologue, and Edward Keer, a baritone singer of note.

Those worthy of special mention are the jugglers, who are the cleverest ever seen in this city, while Billy Cullen as a Hebrew impersonator brings down the house with his catchy parodies and songs.

Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening, and large attendances are expected.

WORN-OUT TRACK

REMOVED FROM CORNER OF CENTRAL AND MERRIMACK STS.

The worn-out curve in the railroad track at the corner of Central and Merrimack streets which was discovered yesterday, was removed last night and a new piece of rail substituted. In order to get the rail up the employes of the street railway had to remove all the snow in the vicinity so as to loosen the paving blocks. After the rail was replaced and the blocks relaid they were covered with sand.

This spot has caused a great deal of difficulty to drivers of sleighs today, owing to the fact that the drivers do not notice that there is an absence of snow and if they have a heavy load it is almost impossible to pull it over the bare spot.

A number of sleighs got stranded on the corner this morning and one which contained a number of tons of soft coal bound for a down-town store got onto the bare spot before the driver was aware of the fact. The sleigh was so heavily laden that it took the united strength of the team of horses and a dozen bystanders to get it over.

"Friends"—Opera House—Thursday night.

DEATHS

MARTIN—Annie A. Martin, aged 50 years, died this morning at her late home, 475 School street. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss a husband, Peter W., and four children, William, Thomas, Nellie and Mary, also two sisters, Mary of Boston and Catherine of Somerville.

MONTMINY—Alfred Montminy, a well known young French American, died yesterday afternoon at the Lowell hospital after an illness of five weeks. Five weeks ago the young man was removed to the hospital, where, two weeks ago he was operated upon for appendicitis. Deceased was a native of Canada, but had resided in this city since early infancy. He was 19 years of age. Besides his father, Pierre Montminy, he leaves three brothers, Pierre, Arthur and Jos. F. Montminy, and three sisters, Mrs. Louis Nadeau, Miss Clara Montminy, all of Lowell, and one, formerly Miss Esther Montminy, who is a sister at the Grey Nuns of the Cross, Ottawa. The body was removed to the rooms of decease of deceased's father, 28 Hancock avenue.

MALEKIN—James Malekin died yesterday in Tewksbury, aged 35 years. The body was removed to the rooms of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

NORRIS—Addie F. Norris, widow of the late Proctor T. Norris, of Meredith, N. H., died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Taylor, 358 Walker street, after an illness of but a few days' duration. Mrs. Norris was for many years a resident of this city.

PLUNKETT—John Plunkett, aged 60 years, died last night at his home, 228 Lakeview avenue. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, one son, Robert and a daughter, Margaret.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—The stock market opened irregular. Amal. Copper, 44; Atchison, 67; Baltimore & Ohio, 78 1-8; Brooklyn Transit, 39 3-4; Canadian Pacific, 115; Erie, 25 3-8; do first pfd., 63 3-4; Louisville, 102 1-2; Manhattan, 141; Missouri Pacific, 88; New York Central, 115 1-2; Norfolk & Western, 56 1-2; Ontario & Western, 20 1-2; Penna., 115 3-8; Reading, 41 3-8; Rock Island, 21 3-4; Sugar, 123; St. Paul, 139 5-8; Southern Pacific, 45 1-2; Southern Railway, 20; Texas Pacific, 23; Union Pacific, 76 7-8; United States Steel, 11; do pfd., 55 7-8; Wabash pfd., 34 1-2.

K. OF P. CONVENTION.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 9.—Guests from Massachusetts and Connecticut were in attendance upon the 74th annual convention of the state Knights of Pythias today. Reports showing a financial improvement and numerical growth were presented in the morning, while the election of officers occupied the afternoon session.

MONEY ON CALL.

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30 on 1 lb. 50c Tea.
10 on 1 lb. 20c Coffee.
5 on 1 lb. 15c Butterine.
5 on 1 package 14c Force.
5 on 1 package 14c Cero Fruto.
3 on 1 package 10c Presto.

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40 HOURS' FIGHT

Before the Baltimore Conflagration Was Under Control

Insurance Men Agree That Loss Will Reach $200,000,000—Only One Case of Larceny Was Reported—No Lives Lost and Only One Person Seriously Injured

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—After 40 hours of the hardest work by the fire fighters the destructive conflagration which has prevailed here since Sunday forenoon was got under control. With the exception of a few buildings, 140 acres are devastated. During the early morning hours several small fires started among the ruins of the burned buildings; only debris, however, was left to be destroyed.

No person is willing to estimate the loss, but the insurance men agree that it will reach at least $200,000,000. It has been decided that it would not be necessary to send from New York city three battalions of "regulars" to assist in policing the city.

Throughout the night the streets were quiet and there was little or no commotion anywhere in the city.

NO LIVES LOST.

Probably never before has there been a fire of such magnitude absolutely without loss of life and so remarkably free from accidents. The only person seriously injured was Jacob Inglefritz, a volunteer fireman of York, Pa. He was unconscious when taken to the Maryland general hospital. A report arose that he was dead. He soon revived, however, and was reported this morning to be suffering only from a broken leg and minor injuries. Many firemen were temporarily overcome by the dense smoke in which they were forced to work but today sore and inflamed eyes and utter exhaustion of body constitute their chief disabilities. The police and the Baltimore militiamen are also suffering from the same continuous strain but the arrival last night and today of an additional regiment of state troops and the rest obtained last night by the overworked police force, who were given opportunity to get some much needed sleep, placed them in fair condition to continue the preservation of order under the abnormal conditions which will prevail in Baltimore for many days to come.

PEOPLE EXHAUSTED.

No disturbance occurred during the night, the first since Sunday in which Baltimore has dared to sleep. Utterly exhausted the people of Baltimore went to rest feeling assured that the flames were entirely controlled and the full extent of the damage known—only the firemen, police and guardsmen remained on duty during the night. In spite of the almost entire absence of spectators the guards were vigilant to the uttermost and it was almost impossible for even the newspaper men to keep watch of the progress of the flames. Double sentries on every corner of the long cordon around the flame-swept district challenged sharply every passer and on many posts refused to honor the police fire line permits or even the regulation military passes purporting to be good on all posts and at all hours of the day or night. Gen. Lawrason Riggs, who as commander in chief of the brigade of state troops has been in personal command of the military since the outbreak of the fire, is unwilling to say how long it may be necessary to keep the outside companies, or how soon it will be possible to relieve the home regiments, but it is evident that it will be several days at least before the policing of the city can be entrusted to its regular guardians under normal conditions.

Fears had been entertained that the far spreading fire would be taken advantage of by the disorderly and criminal element to attempt to inaugurate a season of loot and disorder. The complete sweep which the flames made of the fire area, however, left little of value unconsumed for possible plunderers and the strict police regulations have combined to keep the law breakers in practically complete restraint.

MINOR THEFT REPORTED.

But one case of theft has been reported and that is of a minor nature, the culprit being arrested while attempting to make off with a few boxes of cigars which had passed undamaged through the flames.

In the midst of the flame swept area were the vaults of the many safety deposit and trust companies and the safes of the dozen or more banks and trust companies containing rich treasure which needed no guard beyond the heap of ruins in which they were buried and their own flame warped and distorted walls. It is believed that the highly valuable contents of these safes and vaults has been undamaged through the flames, but in most cases it will be an extremely difficult task to open them and ascertain the condition of the contents. With the falling of night began the departure of outside firemen who had responded to the call for assistance from Baltimore, the flames being so completely under control that Fire Chief Horton believed he could safely dispense with the battalions from other towns. In order to give the Baltimore firemen an opportunity for a little rest before continuing work unaided, however, a number of outside companies remained at work during the night, notably the detachment from the New York fire brigade, which had been demonstrating its efficiency throughout the day and nine companies, half of the Baltimore brigade were ordered back to their houses before 1 o'clock in the morning. Others of the wearied Baltimore fire fighters were relieved during the late afternoon and night by members of the volunteer department of Atlantic City, who leaving their apparatus at home, took charge of the Baltimore engines and directed the streams upon the blazing ruins. The outside firemen departed at intervals during the day.

There was little work for the firemen during the night, all apprehension of any further spread of the flames being removed before nightfall, but the engines pumped streams on the smouldering ruins throughout the night. The work required the services of but two or three men to an engine, the members of the crews taking turns on duty. In most cases the hose nozzles were simply propped up in position and the streams left to play without other direction for hours.

TELEPHONE SYSTEMS CRIPPLED.

The telephone systems of the city were badly crippled, their central exchanges being located in the danger zone, but today they were giving service through branch stations. The street railway service was almost paralyzed by the fire, the great central power house having been entirely consumed. Service was maintained on parts of some of the lines, however, power being obtained from the outlying plants and today cars were running on several lines.

A conflagration in the residential section of East Baltimore was averted only by the promptness of some of the young men of the city. Yesterday afternoon sparks were carried from the fire to a roof of a church on Canton avenue, two miles from the scene of the trouble. The young men found an old volunteer hand reel, pulled it to the church. The cracked old hose of other days was unwound and attached to a city plug. The city pressure was enough to carry the water to the top of the church and it was saved.

In the meantime the fire had spread to adjoining buildings, but it was promptly put out by the volunteer fire fighters.

During the night the Young Men's Christian association building, the Maryland theatre and all of the leading clubs put their shelter and accommodations at the service of the firemen and militia from other cities and of the guardsmen when not on duty.

Telegrams were received during the night by Mayor McLane and other city officials, tendering the sympathy of the people of many sister cities.

The editor of the Daily Illustrated Mirror of London, England, telegraphed sympathy and asked if funds were needed.

Throughout the burned district the only light during the night was that of the fitfully burning piles of combustibles and the flare of gas from broken mains.

During the early morning hours, however, consumers of gas in the residential section were warned of the danger of leaving gas burning, owing to the probability of explosions in the ruined district.

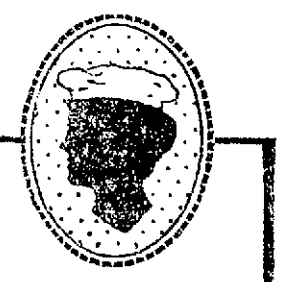
Checked and bounded by the harbor on the south and by Jones Falls on the east, the fire could spread no further last night and the work of the firemen was in the main to prevent the reawakening of the flames. The high wind made constant vigilance necessary in the eastern section of the city. Occasionally sparks would be wafted across the Jones Falls stream, to endanger the lumber of that side of the stream, but the piles were so thoroughly water soaked that these flames were quenched in the incipiency.

BRAVE FIGHTERS.

The New York engines were massed at the foot of West Falls avenue and drawing water from the harbor. From this base which marked the point where the fire had been stayed yesterday, the New Yorkers fought their way back into the burned district, quenching the blazing ruins as they went and driving the fire back from the safety strip of water known as Jones Ferry.

A large malt house at West Falls avenue and Block street is the only building of any size left in the burned district. Dynamiting this building was seriously contemplated at the time but it proved unnecessary.

All the regular lines of steamships with the exception of the Ericsson line to Philadelphia, left on schedule time last night from temporary wharves. The wharf of the Ericsson line was the only one seriously damaged by the fire.



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MANY SIGHTSEERS

ARE CROWDING INTO RUINED CITY.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Incoming trains during the forenoon brought sightseers in considerable numbers. Those who came anticipating the spectacle of a great city in confusion and lost in clouds of smoke were disappointed.

Strangers alighting from trains see merely the normal Baltimore under a brilliant winter sky.

Of the great region swept by the fire, no part was devoted to residences so the sheltering of homeless is no part of the city's problem. In the fire area are embraced the financial district, a considerable portion of the wholesale district, an area given over to brokers of various kinds and a large shipping district along the wharves.

In the wholesale district at the northwestern corner of the fire zone were located many of the wholesale dry goods merchants and manufacturers of clothing, an important Baltimore industry. Adjacent to this was a high class retail district with most of the principal jewelry, furniture and piano establishments. Practically every office building in the city was destroyed along with banks and trust companies in the financial district, nearly everyone of these being consumed. Around the stock exchange and chamber of commerce which early fell before the flames were located the offices of many brokers and these with all the foreign steamship and custom house broker offices were involved in the widespread ruin.

"MARSH MARKET" BURNED.

Another wholesale district destroyed was devoted to groceries and produce, the historic old "Marsh Market." In the heart of the burned district was the immense central power plant of the United Railways and Electric company, its fallen walls forming one of the most impressive as well as inaccessible ruins.

Tangled cables now form an impassible barrier around the heaps of massive masonry.

To the eastward of the power house and extending to Jones Falls and the harbor, the eastern and southern boundaries of the fire, is a region given up to lumber yards, canning and packing factories, and ice houses accessible on two sides by water and marking the first real check and farthest progress of the flames.

Today there is a scramble for temporary office room on the part of the hundreds of business firms, whose homes are now but unrecognizable wreckage.

Every foot of available space in the large central building of the Y. M. C. A. has been leased to prominent business houses for temporary offices. The assembly hall of this building, which seats 800 persons, has been secured by one of the principal law firms of this city. Rooms in other down-town halls and hotels have been rented by other firms at high figures.

As yet, few of the business houses can even approximate their losses. This probably will be a matter of weeks. Safe experts are being hurried here to open safes and vaults as soon as the cooling of the ruins will permit. In the opinion of these men the greater number of safes and vaults will be found with contents intact.

DYNAMITING RUINS.

Dynamiters early today began demolishing the shells of buildings in the devastated district which are a menace to property and life. The seven story Law building was blown up, the immense roof and walls falling with a thunderous sound that was heard throughout the city. It is thought that it will be necessary to dynamite the nine-story Equitable building and the seven-story Herald building. The walls of the latter overshadow and endanger the new $1,500,000 court house which Baltimore boasts of as the finest temple of justice in the United States and which escaped without material damage.

When it became known today that there existed no need for the presence of United States troops and they had been turned back, there was general expressions of satisfaction.

WATCH FOR CROOKS.

Every policeman who went on duty today had instructions to watch for crooks and arrest every suspicious person. The police authorities have information that a large number of crooks attracted by the frightful conditions and the immense crowds that are pouring into the city on every train have flocked here and the most urgent orders for the arbitrary arrest of every suspicious character are in force.

No vandalism of a serious character has yet been reported. Special guards have been detailed at the ruins of the financial institutions whose vaults, escaping the ravages of the fire, might be tampered with.

With one notable exception the plants of the Baltimore daily newspapers were completely consumed in the conflagration. The Sun building, said to have been the first iron structure erected in the United States, this event having taken place in 1850, is a shapeless mass, not the vestige of a wall being left standing. The machinery and presses are a total loss. Of the American, the same story may be told. Its seven-story building and annexes and all material are ruinous. The interior wood fittings of the seven-story Herald building were destroyed, but the floors are still intact and the presses and machines in place, but their value destroyed.

The German Correspondent building at Holliday and Baltimore streets was one of last victims to the East Baltimore street flames. It was utterly destroyed, as was the German Journal on the opposite corner. The Evening News building is a mass of ruins.

Despite the sudden exigency which they were called upon to face, the Baltimore publishers have shown a wonderful energy. The Sun and American are getting out editions in Washington newspaper offices, but filled with Baltimore news. The paper that escaped the fiery maelstrom was the Evening World, whose publication office is on a side street, just outside the fire line. The World is getting out its regular editions and is besides doing the press work for the Herald and German Correspondent. All the publishers are making expeditious preparations to secure new buildings and presses. The Evening News has already purchased the plant of the Philadelphia Times and is now having it transported to Baltimore.

MARTIAL LAW

HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED IN BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9—With the great fire which ate up property variously estimated at from twenty five millions to one hundred and fifty millions of dollars, slowly burning itself out, Baltimore awoke this morning to force the grave questions of civic and municipal readjustment. Confronting the mayor and his associates of the city government are the problems of aid, the acceptance or refusal of generous proffers of assistance from every section of the country, the policing of the vast burned district, where lie buried untold treasure in warped vaults and safes, and the hundred minor things that follow a calamity so stupendous that it is not fully realized yet. To relieve banks and citizens from the embarrassment of financial transactions the next seven days have been declared legal holidays in the commonwealth of Maryland.

So thoroughly is the policing of the city now systematized that the big force of federal troops yesterday ordered here are no longer needed. Not a single life has been lost and there is not one man whose injuries are described as other than minor.

History offers no parallel to a calamity so costly in treasure and so fortunately free from loss of life or limb.

Today dawned cold and clear and lacking wind. There was a decided fall in temperature during the night and by early morning the full gutters of the fire district and the flooded streets were turned to ice. The cold however is not sufficient to cause suffering among those on duty. The absence of wind is a blessing for thousands of feet of tottering walls would surely tumble in a strong breeze and to the peril of the men on duty.

Baltimore is now under martial law. Gen. Riggs terms the condition "military control," but in no way have the civil authorities been superseded. Military and civil authority are working together.

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AT THE VATICAN

THE BALTIMORE FIRE PRODUCED FEELING OF AWE.

ROME, Feb. 9—The Baltimore fire produced a feeling of awe at the Vatican, where the news was communicated to the authorities by the correspondent of the Associated Press. The Pope was most anxious about Cardinal Gibbons and gave orders that the latest details from Baltimore be communicated to him.

ONE COMPANY LOSES $1,000,000.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 9.—The chairman announced at a meeting today of the Liverpool, London and Globe insurance company that the company's loss by the Baltimore fire would be $1,000,000 for which it was quite prepared.

ITALY'S SYMPATHY.

ROME, Feb. 9—In the name of the Italian government, Foreign Minister Tittoni today expressed to the American embassy its condolences on the Baltimore disaster.

Tickets for "Friends" on sale at the opera house Wednesday and Thursday.

BLAMES HIS WIFE

CAMBRIDGE MAN SAYS SHE ACTED WITH THIEVES.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—George H. Haines, 32, a baker, living at 205 Hamilton street, Cambridge, walked into the East Dedham street station yesterday afternoon, and upon reporting that he was robbed and beaten by negro thugs in the South End early Sunday evening told such a strange tale that the police, though sceptical of the happening, are investigating the case.

Haines claimed he was assaulted by two negroes at the corner of Dover and Washington streets about 5.30 o'clock; that a hood was thrown over his head and he was dragged into a house on Fay street, where he was locked in the cellar by the thieves, who aided by a white woman.

Haines also claims that he was detained there 14 hours and that he was released by a negress, who quietly and quickly slipped the bolt of the door back and then fled upstairs, disappearing.

Haines believes that his wife, who disappeared a short time ago from Cambridge, is responsible for the happening. He said that last Friday morning he received an anonymous letter from a woman, that was mailed from this city, asking him to meet two men on the above corner between 8 and 9 o'clock. As Haines had reason to believe the appointment boded him no good, he did not keep it.

Haines said that his appearance in the South End Sunday was due to his satisfying a feeling of curiosity which was aroused on his receiving the strange missive, as he had an idea that the person who wrote him, and who he thinks was his wife, might be in that vicinity then.

The police are looking for Mrs. Haines.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—Cotton futures opened firm, Feb., 13.46 bid; Mar., 13.25; April, 13.85 bid; May, 14.12; June, 14.18; July, 14.15; Aug., 13.60; Sept. 12.40; Oct., 11.72; Nov., 11.35.

FLOODS THREATENED

BY SWELLING OF THE SUSEQUEHANNA RIVER.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 9.—The Susquehanna river began rising here this morning after dropping three feet during the night and the situation is growing serious. The water is now 24 feet above low water mark. At Nanticoke street car traffic is suspended.

JEALOUS OF WIFE

Man Attacked Woman and Step-Daughter

HE USED A RAZOR AND JACK KNIFE

Colofsky Has Admitted the Crime

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Crazed by jealousy, Michael Golofsky, a Polander, last night attacked Katy Golofsky, his wife, and Mary Lockway, his step-daughter, with a knife and razor and then tried to kill himself by cutting his throat. Mrs. Golofsky is expected to die and her daughter's life depends on the success of an operation performed at the Relief hospital soon after the tragedy. Golofsky did not wound himself seriously.

The affair occurred shortly before midnight. Golofsky rushed into the house, drew a razor and jackknife from his pocket and began slashing at his wife. After inflicting eight wounds upon her he stabbed his step-daughter, aged 14, in the abdomen and then cut his own throat. The child made her way to the house of a neighbor and the police were notified.

Later Golofsky admitted that he stabbed his wife and step-daughter. He said that he was jealous of his wife because he believed that she had another husband living.

WEAVERS STRIKE

AGAINST THE TWO LOOM SYSTEM.

EXBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 9.—The woolen mill of C. A. Root & Co. is running today without weavers, the employes in that department having started a strike against the two-loom system and demanding also a revision of the pay schedule. Mr. Root has offered to give up the two-loom system, but says that he cannot grant the rate of wages demanded. He says he will give the weavers a reasonable time to return, and if they do not do so he will fill their places. The weavers claim that Mr. Root is not paying as high wages as other concerns in the same business.

CRUISER PALLADA REPORTED LOST

PARIS, Feb. 9—4.55 p.m.—It was announced at the French foreign office this afternoon, that the Russian cruiser Palluda was sunk in the torpedo attack made by the Japanese on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur. The injuries sustained by the Retvizan and Czarevich are not known.

It was reported on the same authority that the cable from Vladivostok has been cut off.

NEWS OF BATTLE IS CONFIRMED

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—An official despatch received here says that Japanese torpedo boats have attacked the Russian squadron in the outer roads at Port Arthur and that three Russian ships were damaged.

CZAR'S MANIFESTO EXPECTED TOMORROW

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9—3 p.m.—The news that Japan had duplicated her tactics at the opening of the Chino-Japanese war by a torpedo attack on the Russian ships off Port Arthur created intense excitement. The bare announcement arrived from Viceroy Alexieff at 8 o'clock this morning. Details are anxiously awaited. Extra editions of the morning papers printed early in the forenoon, after the appearance of the Official Messenger, conveyed the intelligence to the population of the capital and dispelled any lingering hopes that war could be averted.

The czar and his ministers, who had been informed immediately of the receipt of Viceroy Alexieff's telegram accepted the gauge and prepared to face the reality of war. His majesty's manifesto declaring a state of war to exist is expected to be issued tomorrow morning at the latest.

Feverish activity reigned at all the ministries and war preparations were pushed in all directions.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

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BALTIMORE'S TASK

Mayor Says Work of Resurrection Will be Begun

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Mayor McLane when asked for a statement today dictated the following to the Associated Press:

"Baltimore will now enter undaunted into the task of resurrection. A greater and more beautiful city will arise from the ruins and we shall make of this calamity a future blessing. We are staggered by the terrible blow, but we are not discouraged and every energy of the city as a municipality and its citizens as private individuals will be devoted to a rehabilitation that will not only prove the stuff we are made of but be a monument to the American spirit."

The creation of a seven-days' holiday, which was meant more for the financial institutions, has caused other establishments to close down and has resulted in bringing the people on the streets. Tens of thousands of persons have been rendered idle, temporarily at least, and for the want of something better to do visited the fire district. This gave the police and the soldiers more work, but the best of order prevailed.

The work of cleaning up the streets immediately surrounding the burned territory was begun at 10 o'clock. The street cleaning department assembled all its laborers near the city hall and with several hundred additional men marched them to Liberty and German streets, where the work was begun.

Where walls can be pulled down without endangering the men this will be done, after which they will clear the streets of the piles of brick and twisted iron. The streets within the fire area will not be touched for the present.

The hotel accommodations of Baltimore were not seriously impaired. Only two hotels were destroyed. All others are open and doing business as usual. The hotels near the fired district took extreme precautions during Sunday and Monday and some of them have not yet relaxed their rigid vigilance. The largest hotels last night had extra watchmen on duty who were constantly on the lookout for stray firebrands from the smouldering ruins.

Picture Baltimore's skyline today and the mind's eye has conceived the greatest fire desolation in the history of the country. It is not only a question of the number of squares, but the completeness of it all and the enormous value of property burned. High buildings in the vicinity of the fire zone provided observatories for those who were not permitted through the lines. Streets were impassable because of the great piles of debris, the building lines marked only by remnants of walls which had supported handsome skyscrapers.

Occasionally a column projected into the air. Those were in irregular lines, as some were in front, some side, and others rear walls. The effect was a conglomerate mass without lines of distinct demarcation. Dynamiting has continued today.

Nearly all the illustrated weeklies as well as the daily papers have their picture-making forces in the field.

The previously unexplored part of the burned section is in the south end, where the fire raged all day. The list of losses in that vicinity would be a complete directory of all properties.

Where the fire started, at John E. Hurst & Co.'s dry goods store, in Liberty street, only one wall remains standing.

Bolts of cloth are thrown about the street, the first few folds charred and the balance to all appearances intact, yet, when lifted they crumble like charcoal.

At all street intersections are tangled skeins of wires which are being cut away. Steamers have pulled in at all the passenger wharves, south from Light and Pratt streets, and these properties are all in that section which do not bear the marks of the catastrophe. Around these steamers on all sides are scenes of utter desolation and into the basin flows a river of water from the higher ruins to the north.

All of the wharves in that section of the city are in ruins and it will take many weeks to repair the damage sufficiently for the unloading of supplies.

After an investigation it is announced that the vaults of the Continental Trust Co. which contains securities to the value of $200,000,000 are intact. The vaults of the Maryland Trust Co., and those of the Mercantile Trust Co., have not been damaged in the least. The bank of Brown Brothers, directly in the path of the flames, practically escaped without loss.

This discovery will enormously reduce the estimated losses. Officers of these corporations went into the ruins. To their astonishment in many instances the strong rooms and safes opened to the combinations and revealed paper amounting to hundreds of millions absolutely unscorched. H. H. Beasley, of the Continental Trust Co., said to the Associated Press:

"I have just made a thorough examination and find that our securities are not damaged in the least. We have stored in our vaults securities amounting to more than $200,000,000. Our building is also in fine condition. We could open for business at a moment's notice if only the debris was cleared away."

The Continental Trust Co.'s building was erected at a cost of $1,425,00 and was in the direct sweep of the flames.

The most remarkable and fortunate escape made by any company within the fire belt was probably that of Brown Bros., bankers, whose building is directly opposite the Continental Trust Co. Every vault in this building was mined. Not a desk in the structure was damaged to any extent and the carpet on the floor of Mr. Brown's private office was in the same condition as when the bank closed its doors on Saturday afternoon.

The metal finishing on the skylight of this structure melted like snow and ran down on top of desks directly beneath the cupola. This will give some idea of the intense heat to which this structure was subjected. Mr. Brown said that the damage to his firm would not exceed $500 and possibly would not reach that figure.

Officers of the Mercantile Trust Co. and the Maryland Trust Co. also found their securities intact and said they could resume business at once if the debris was cleared away.

Insurance men representing the great companies met today and formed an organization to expedite the adjustment of the losses.

After a meeting of the representatives of insurance companies today it was announced that they estimated the loss at $125,00,000 with insurance to the amount of $90,000,000.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and immediately resolved itself into a "general loss committee."

The committee will supervise the details of the general plan of adjustment, and will hold meetings daily at the headquarters. The committee was authorized to establish headquarters and employ an office staff. Among the companies represented at the meeting are the Aetna, the Springfield Fire and Marine Co. of Massachusetts; the Mercantile Ins. Co., of Boston; the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford; the New Hampshire of Manchester; the Hartford of Hartford and the Phoenix of Hartford.

The individual insurance men who have made a thorough inspection of the burned district, give estimates of the property loss that tally closely with that of the adjusters, namely $125,000,000. This is based on information as to the bulk of the insurance placed by the establishments now in ruins, the proportion of the burned area that was occupied by the heavily protected concerns, the average losses of insurance companies in large fires and by close figuring on the premium receipts of the companies. The total premium receipts on the city's business, as reported to the Baltimore salvage corps approximates $1,500,000.

Offers of financial aid and sympathy are piling up at the office of Mayor McLane and all attempts to answer them has been abandoned.

Fortunately very few poor have been affected by the fire. The burned portion of the city was occupied almost entirely by manufacturing and commercial properties and the business men are trying to get on without outside aid. They take a bravely cheerful view of the situation and the expression was heard frequently that "this will be the making of Baltimore."

Mayor McLane said today that he would not consider the proffers of aid until tomorrow.

BIG ADVANCE

IN REAL ESTATE IN BALTIMORE TODAY.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Prices of real estate are rising. As high as $50,000 was today asked for property, a week worth $3,000. Many firms whose places of business were destroyed by the fire are paying enormous prices for temporary offices. Actual transfers of real estate have been made at two and three thousand dollars in excess of valuations placed upon the property before the fire.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

HAS BILL FOR SETTLEMENT OF LAND DAMAGES.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Attorney General Parker presented to the committee on judiciary of the legislature today a bill for a more speedy settlement of land damages in cases where property is acquired by state, city or town authorities by eminent domain. Under the present law owners having their property taken are obliged to wait an average of nearly two years before receiving any compensation. Mr. Parker's bill provides that the state, city or town authorities shall make an award within a few weeks after taking property and provides for a settlement of the damages at once.

COTTON MARKET

IS STILL NERVOUS AND UNSETTLED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—The cotton market was less excited than yesterday, but still very nervous and unsettled. Opening prices were 25 to 33 points higher on the old and from 10 to 15 points higher on the new crop months. Following the call the market showed a further advance of a few points, but shortly after eased off to within 10 or 12 points of yesterday's close on the active months.

NINE ARE DEAD

Two "Soo" Trains Were in Collision

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 9.—A collision occurred near Sand Point early today between the "Soo" train going east and a westbound "Soo" train in which nine persons were killed and 12 injured. The dead so far as known are:

ENGINEER JACKSON,
EXPRESS MESSENGERS ROBERTSON AND THOMPSON,
NEWS AGENT McMILLEN.

Five passengers occupying second class cars, whose names have not been ascertained.

The injured are:

Fireman Dubois,
Mail Clerk Black,
Baggageman Toole,
Engineer Dudley
A fireman and six passengers.

The extent of their injuries has not been learned. According to an official statement given out by the Canadian Pacific company the accident was due to the crew of the westbound train failing to obey orders.

RECEIVER'S BOND

Has Been Placed at $100,000

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 9.—The U. S. Shipbuilding Co.'s case came up before Judge Kirkpatrick in the United States circuit court today when orders which are considered practically to settle the controversy were drawn up, agreed on, embodied in a decree and signed by the court. These motions were made by Mr. Untermyer in behalf of the complainants in the suit. They were:

That the shipbuilding company be declared insolvent; that a permanent receiver be appointed; that Charles M. Schwab be made a party defendant; and that the cause be tried in open court. Counsel for the temporary receiver announced that he would agree to the consolidation of the suits. There was no objection by the shipbuilding company's lawyers and a motion to that effect previously made was thereby disposed of.

By the terms of the decree signed today, the bond of Receiver Smith, who will be the permanent receiver, is placed at $100,000. Judge Kirkpatrick said he would be engaged for a couple of months and anyhow he did not know what further testimony it was necessary to take in the matter of the trial of the case in open court.

COTTON GINNED

REPORT ISSUED BY THE CENSUS OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—The report issued by the census office of the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 up to and including Jan. 16, 1904, shows that 30,171 ginneries were operated and that these ginned 9,859,277 commercial bales. Counting round bales as half bales the number is 9,485,537, which compares with 8,905,503 and 10,688,250 bales to Dec. 13, 1902, and to March 14, 1903, respectively.

The report for the entire country is as follows: 9,038,850 square bales, 747,480 round bales, 72,907 sea island crop bales, 9,859,277 total commercial bales. The total commercial bales ginned from the crop of 1902 to Dec. 13, 1902, was 9,311,835 and to March 14, 1903, was 11,078,892.

JASON E. TOLLES

MADE COMMANDER OF 1ST N. H. BRIGADE.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—At the meeting of the governor and council today, the following appointments were made: Benjamin F. Dame of Newmarket to be trustee of the state normal school, to succeed himself; Edward E. Nowell of Exeter, to be trustee of the state industrial school, to succeed Orange S. Brown of Salmon Falls, deceased; Charles M. Ferrin of Concord, to be deputy steamboat inspector.

The nomination of Jason E. Tolles of Nashua to command the first brigade, New Hampshire National Guard, was confirmed.

Thursday, April 21, was appointed as Fast day.

SUB TREASURY

HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO MILITARY CAMP.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Despite the legal holiday of seven days declared by Gov. Warfield, the United States subtreasury re-opened for business today on the direction of the secretary of the treasury and the building has been converted into a military camp to avert any possible attempt at looting or other disorders. Sec. Shaw and Assistant Treasurer A. Lincoln Dryden had a long conference by telephone today, as a result of which the treasury department will send supplies of money to reinforce the present resources of the sub-treasury and this money, which will be received tomorrow morning, will be added to from time to time to any amount needed to meet the demands of the business interests of Baltimore, so suddenly crippled of banking facilities.

MAY BE SAVED.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 9.—The fishing schooner Jessie, which was caught in the ice off Truro yesterday, made some progress towards working herself free today. It is now thought she may be saved.

SAMUEL GOMPERS HEARD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was heard by the house judiciary committee yesterday in favor of the anti-injunction bill. He said the influence of the federal power should not be against labor unions, and that the government should be neutral.

PICKED UP BY VESSEL.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 9.—Word was received today from Joseph A. Perry and Joe Wneger, members of the crew of the fishing schooner Annie M. Perry, who were lost in the fog yesterday, were safe at Portsmouth, N. H. The message did not indicate how they reached there, but it is thought they were picked up by a passing vessel.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Cotton, spot closed quiet; middling uplands 14.25; middling gulf 14.50; sales, 100 bales.

From Late Editions Yesterday

WORK ON RUINS

WALLS OF BURNED BUILDING WILL BE TORN DOWN.

The work of tearing down the walls of the Fellows building in Middle street preparatory to rebuilding will soon be under way. Shortly after the fire occurred in this building a contractor was set to work clearing the debris, and now as nearly all of the debris has been removed, a staging has been erected on the inside of the building near the rear wall, and the work of tearing down that wall will soon commence. Four of the stories of this wall are standing but as the top story has bulged considerable and there are signs of the third story being weak the two top stories of brick will be torn down as far as the elevator well, that strip of wall from the elevator well to the Palmer street wall being in good condition.

But two stories of the wall in Middle street are standing, the third and fourth stories having fallen into the street the night of the fire. As the brown stone window tops on the second story were heated to such a height on the night of the fire they have been condemned and the second story will be torn down.

The wall on the Palmer street side of the building seems to be in good condition and it is understood that this will be left standing. There has been considerable talk about building a wall on the western end of the building or that side next to the Urban block, there being only a party wall. As to whether or not another wall will be built on that side of the building will be settled later. The work of building will be pushed ahead with all possible haste.

HOSMER CASE

HOUSEKEEPER SAYS DOCTOR WANTED TO MARRY HER.

Judge McIntire of the Middlesex probate court at East Cambridge gave a hearing yesterday on the petition of Dr. Thomas Hosmer of Bedford to remove the conservator appointed by the court some time ago. The conservator is his son, Ernest Hosmer.

Minnie De Knight, housekeeper at the Hosmer household, testified that Dr. Hosmer had made statements to her regarding alleged actions by his wife, now dead. He claimed that over 60 men in Bedford had been intimate with his wife. In 1902, witness said, Dr. Hosmer mentioned marriage to her, and repeated his offer in September last. Witness refused him, and he chased her around the room to see how much she weighed. She said that on another occasion he said she intended to shoot Judge McIntire.

John N. Mareau, an attorney, testified that he had acted for Dr. Hosmer since January, 1901. One matter was in reference to an alleged promise on the part of Dr. Hosmer to marry a Mrs. Hill. Witness settled the case for $350. He also acted for the doctor in a suit brought by a man named Cavanaugh, who alleged slander. The ad damnum was $10,000. Witness settled this case after the appointment of the conservator.

Ernest H. Hosmer testified that he had been a member of the school board of Bedford nine years, six years as chairman. His mother left an estate valued at $20,000, of which $10,000 was personal. One day his father said that an administrator should be appointed, and suggested either one of them or a third party. The son favored a third party, and he testified that the father went into a rage. He claimed that his father asked to see his mother's personal property, and when he handed it to him he looked things over and left it scattered about on chairs and moaned over it. He then suggested that for safekeeping he was going to bury it under the plazza of one of the houses.

PERSONALS

Brother John Doherty, a novice in the Oblate novitiate in Tewksbury, is seriously ill.

Mrs. Christina Clough of this city is the president of the Department of Massachusetts Ladies of the G. A. R., and has been urged to serve another term. She is a native of Canterbury, N. H., and has worked with the order for nine years. Another candidate for the office, if Mrs. Clough declines to serve, is Mrs. Jennie Austin, who is a past president of Martha Washington circle 5 of Lynn and a senior vice-president of the order.

Rev. Dr. George E. Martin was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Pilgrim church of Nashua, Friday evening.

Miss Ella M. Fletcher has been awarded a free scholarship at Boston university. Miss Fletcher is a graduate of the Lowell High school, class of 1902.

Principal Crosby of the Textile school, is to lecture on the 19th inst. at Fitchburg in the High school course on "Textile Education in Massachusetts."

Among the Lowell girls returning to Wellesley after a brief vacation was Bertha M. Swanton, who has just recovered from a severe case of tonsilitis.

At the annual state convention of the Women's Relief corps held in Boston today and tomorrow, the delegates from James A. Garfield W. R. C., No. 33, are: Mrs. Louise H. Blood, president; Mrs. Elvira H. Gladwin, past president; Mrs. Annie E. Tuttle and Mrs. Martha F. Smiley.

ANNIVERSARY MASS.

An anniversary high mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., was celebrated this morning at 8 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church by Rev. Eugene A. Dorgan, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Wade Smith, O. M. I., as sub-deacon. Rev. Laurence Tighe, O. M. I., was master of ceremonies. The choir directed by Mr. P. P. Haggerty sang the Gregorian mass.

LICENSE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—The state license commission made its first report to the governor and council today, covering the seven months from the going into effect of the law up to Dec. 31, 1903.

The number of applications for licenses in that time was 1,286, of which 1,051 were granted. The total receipts have been $342,369.10, of which $274,909.84 has been distributed to the cities, towns and counties; $16,284.54 has been paid out in expenses; and $49,527.31 is on hand. The report makes no recommendations as to changes in the law. It is stated that there are now few unlicensed places where liquor is sold; that there are too many licensed places but that this will be regulated by time.

MACHEN'S STORY

Relative to the Groff Features

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The fifth and what is now conceded to be the last week of the postal trial began today. George E. Lorenz was recalled and identified a lease of the Crystal refinery given by him in July, 1893, to J. B. and E. B. Merriam of Cleveland, Ohio, the property later being sold to them for $46,500.

He was followed by August W. Machen, former superintendent of the rural free delivery division of the postoffice department, the central figure in the case. Mr. Machen testified that his service in the Toledo postoffice began in September in 1886 and ended August 1, 1890. While still in office he sold he and his uncle and George E., Charles W., and Henry L. Lorenz became associated in the oil business. For several years after leaving the Toledo office he said he and George Lorenz devoted their entire time to their oil venture.

He came to Washington and assumed his duties as assistant superintendent of free delivery in May, 1893.

Coming to the giving of the note for $25,000 by Lorenz, Machen said it represented the equity in what was known as the Machen interest in the oil business. He did not close with Lorenz at once, he said, because he had other purchasers in view. The note finally was given by Lorenz July 1, 1893.

"Will you tell the jury that you at that time actually sold to Lorenz your interest in this business?" he was asked.

"I did," said Machen with emphasis.

Mr. Machen admitted that sometimes he resorted to "kiting." When he wanted money in a hurry he testified he would draw on Lorenz. In order, however, not to catch Lorenz unawares when not in a position to meet the draft, he would send a check to meet it and ask him to hold it. He declared he had no financial interest whatever in the oil properties after receiving the note from Lorenz.

All of his time, Mr. Machen said, was taken up in the consideration of administrative matters of rural delivery.

Every blank in the rural free delivery, he said, was originally made with his own hand. It was impossible to give personal attention to the ordinary details of the service. He declared that Postmaster General Smith recognized the rural free delivery division as a bureau. Miss Liebhardt, he said, had been designated in January, 1902, by the postmaster general as chief clerk. After 1900 Mr. Machen assumed all the responsibility for Miss Liebhardt's acts, saying: "While I was compelled to have this mail signed and initialed by Miss Liebhardt, I have always assumed all the responsibility for every signature and every initial she has made."

After a brief pause Mr. Machen added: "I stand by it today."

Miss Liebhardt, he said, initialled probably 75 per cent. of the orders for Groff fasteners. Mr. Machen further said that in matters involving any change of policy he invariably took the initial action himself. He said that the rule of the department was to allow an inventor who presented something feasible to test his device at his own expense. This was done, he said, in Groff's case. Mr. Machen explained the introduction of the fastener in Washington by stating that he was told the Groffs were anxious to equip Washington with the device.

"I knew the benefits that would accrue from the introduction of the fastener," Mr. Machen said, "and knew of the defects of the old system."

Continuing Mr. Machen said he brought the matter personally to the attention of First Assistant Postmaster General Jones and pointed out the advantages to be gained by the use of the device. Washington, he said, was thereupon selected for the first use of the fasteners, "right under the eyes of my superior officers. Had there been any attempt at concealment or of a sliding in this first order Washington would not have been selected."

BOSTWICK'S PLEA

HE SAID GUILTY IN TAUNTON COURT.

TAUNTON, Feb. 9. At the opening of the criminal session of the superior court, yesterday, Charles N. Bostwick was brought in with the other prisoners and given a seat in the dock. Soon after his counsel, David J. O'Connell, appeared, and was engaged in conversation with Bostwick up to the time of his arraignment.

Bostwick pleaded not guilty to each of the three indictments against him, and when asked if he had surety present, said that he had not at that moment, but expected to obtain bail later.

Miss Clark was not present, being out on bail, but will probably come in to plead later. The cases of both Bostwick and Miss Clark are on the present trial list, but it is understood that they may not be reached at this sitting.

At the noon recess Bostwick was returned to jail, where he will remain until called for trial, unless he secures $8000 bail in the interval.



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HANNA IMPROVING

There are No Complications Apparent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Senator Hanna was better yesterday and last night he was reported to be resting quietly. There are no complications and the vital organs are said to be performing their functions satisfactorily. An increased amount of nourishment was given the senator yesterday. In addition to the pasteurized milk which he has been taking since his illness, he took some white of egg, nearly all of which he retained. He apparently was stronger than on Monday and wanted to exert himself when it became necessary to change position. His spirits also seemed improved and for the first time he was permitted to have a ten minutes' conversation with his brother, H. M. Hanna. Mr. Hanna later said he was pleased with his brother's appearance, as he did not have the wasted look so frequently seen in typhoid cases.

During the day the senator's temperature went up to 103, which it had been on three separate occasions, and his pulse up to 96, the highest yet reached. The records of both temperature and pulse are in keeping with those ordinarily reached in cases of irregular typhoid from which the senator is suffering.

"At 8 p. m. Senator Hanna was resting quietly. His temperature was 102 8-10; pulse 94 and regular; respiration 24. There are no complications, and his general condition remains good.

(Signed) "RIXEY,
"CARTER."

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

ON THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

At Y. M. C. A. hall, last evening, Mr. A. C. Russell gave an illustrated lecture concerning his recent trip through Europe, including the Land of the Midnight Sun, to a large audience Mr. W. A. Haywood manipulated the stereopticon. The lecture was very much enjoyed, and the views reveral of which were colored, embraced scenes in London, Eng., Austria, Hungary, Russia, including Poland, Holland, Carlsbad, the Saratoga of Europe, Germany, Sweden and the charming water-ways and waterfalls of Norway, till, in all its sublimity the sun is seen at midnight. Mr. Russell and his family were absent from Lowell 78 days; they visited seven different countries and used eight kinds of money.

At the conclusion of the lecture, ice cream and cake were passed by Mesdames J. H. Short, Nott Peabody, F. E. Waring, Burton Kinney, W. H. Fuller, W. G. McKay and Miss Harriet Jarvis and Messrs. Matt Johnson and F. E. Atkinson. Secretary Morse announced that Prof. Ober of the Textile school will give the address on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, the subject being "The Transmission of Sound." Experiments will be made with both telephone and phonograph.

IN LABOR HALLS

SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD LAST NIGHT.

The Carders' union held a largely attended meeting in their hall on Palmer street, last evening. Ten new members wre taken into the union, while seven applications for membership were received.

The Metal Polishers' union held their regular monthly meeting in Machinists' hall last evening at which routine business was transacted.

At a largely attended meeting of the Printing Pressmen's union, held in Machinists' hall last evening, three new members were taken into the union. Two applications for membership were received. It is expected that the Printing Pressmen will have the union label installed in the two non-union shops in Lowell within a month's time.

The Painters' union held their regular weekly meeting in their rooms last evening at which three new members were taken into the union. There were also three applications for membership received.

At a meeting of Carpenters' union, local No. 49, held in their hall on Middle street last evening, an unusually large number of members were present.

MONTHLY SOCIAL.

Garfield colony, United Order Pilgrim Fathers held its usual monthly social following its regular meeting last evening. An oyster supper, kindly provided by one of the members and served by the well-known chef of the colony, ex-Gov. Howe, was partaken of by the large number present. Next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, this colony will observe its 224 anniversary by holding a public meeting. Supreme Governor Edward P. Lincoln of Boston and other supreme officers will be present. A male quartet, a reader and a soloist have been engaged to furnish the entertainment.

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BANK'S SHORTAGE

Is Due to Cashier's Bad Bookkeeping

WOLFBORO, N. H., Feb. 9.—Bank Commissioner Alpheus W. Baker of Lebanon expects that it will require several days before it is known just how affairs stand in the savings department of the Wolfboro Loan and Banking company, a shortage of $25,000 in which has been found. The savings department will remain closed until the books are straightened out.

The institution is the only bank here, the Lake National bank and Wolfboro Savings bank having closed their doors some years ago.

The shortage is alleged to have been due to erroneous bookkeeping on the part of the cashier, Charles F. Piper, who for more than a year has been an invalid. No accusation has been made against Mr. Piper and the errors discovered are thought to be explained by the fact that the man has not been in the best physical or mental condition for some time before he gave up business. As the bonds given by Mr. Piper nearly cover the amount of the shortage, it is thought that the institution will not be affected by the trouble. James E. French of Moultonboro, designated as a special auditor to examine the bank's books, reports that all the assets of the trust and banking department of the company are intact, but that the savings department has suffered from the faulty bookkeeping.

The Wolfboro Loan and Banking Co. was chartered in 1889. Albert O. Robinson of Sanbornville is president. It has a capital stock of $50,000 and deposits of $231,563 in the savings department.

EASTMAN IS HELD

Berlin Banker Indicted on 25 Counts

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—At 1.05 this afternoon the United States circuit court grand jury reported indictments under 25 different heads against Albert H. Eastman, the Berlin banker, whose case has been under consideration in this court since last December.

The counts charge that Eastman, as president of the Berlin National bank and director in the Gorham National bank, with a controlling interest in the stock of both banks standing in his name, misapplied and abstracted the funds, credits and moneys of both banks; and made false entries on the books of the Berlin National bank.

The time covered by the acts named is from July 26, 1902, to October 9, 1902, and the total amount involved in the various transactions is between $6000 and $7000.

An indictment was found by the grand jury against one other person which is not made public.

By order of the court certain papers filed with the indictment are likewise not made public.

The several other banks with which Eastman was connected do not figure in the counts of the indictment.

District Attorney Hamblett said that he could not make any statement as to the time of arriguing Eastman at present.

The grand jury which reported today has been in session 21 working days, numerous recesses having been taken at different times. This is said to be the longest grand jury session on record in the state.

LADIES OF CHARITY

HELD PRETTY PARTY IN AID OF ST. PATRICK'S.

The Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's church gave a beautiful party in Prescott hall, tis evening for the benefit of St. Patrick's church and it was a social as well as a financial success. A limited number of tickets were distributed and those who were fortunate enough to procure them considered the party one of the best of the season. The credit of the success of the affair was due principally to Miss Abbie M. Smith, who was the leading spirit of the occasion, having general charge of affairs.

Whist was enjoyed from 8 to 9.30 o'clock when dancing was started and continued until midnight. The hall was daintily adorned with streamers of red and nile green crepe paper hung in graceful folds, while the stage, occupied by Hibnard's orchestra, was covered with green.

The winners of the whist were: First lady's prize, beautiful gold locket, Miss Rosalie Roach; second lady's prize, pretty lamp, Miss Mary Phelan; gentlemen's first prize, stein, Mr. John Fahey; second gentlemen's prize, plaque, Mr. Frank Marren.

Miss Abbie M. Smith was assisted in the management of the affair by Mrs. Annie T. Coffey, Mrs. W. M. Barry, Miss Nora Murphy, Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, Mrs. Joseph Green, Mrs. Frank Brady, Mrs. Henry Roarke and Miss E. O'Donnell.

The floor director of the evening was Mr. Thomas J. O'Donnell, and the aids were: Andrew Grey, Dr. Harry Plunkett, John J. Sullivan, Frank Marren, Frank Brady, Frank Coughlin, W. A. Barry, J. Harry Flaherty, Mr. O'Malley, George E. Ward, R. H. Murphy, Joseph Green and John H. Murphy.

The decorations were in charge of Miss Smith, Mrs. W. T. Barry, Mrs. A. T. Coffey, Miss Nora Murphy, Miss Josephine Murphy and Miss Madeline Crevier.

The pretty dance orders in the shape of a heart and prettily decorated were the work of Misses Loretta L. Ward, Josephine Dunlavey and Josephine Murphy.

The condition of Assistant Chief Norton, who is at St. John's hospital, is improving daily, and it is thought that it will not be long before he will be able to leave for his home entirely recovered from his injury sustained at the O'Donnell & Gilbride store.

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FIERCE BATTLE STILL IS WAGED

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet attacked Port Arthur at midnight on Monday. Two Russian battleships and one Russian cruiser were disabled by torpedoes.

The battle is being continued this morning at a range of three miles. There has been no further damage.

ALEXIEFF'S REPORT OF JAPANESE ATTACK

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—Admiral Alexieff's official report of the attack by the Japanese is as follows:

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at or about midnight of Feb. 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch and the Russia Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for your majesty."

JAPANESE SEIZE RUSSIAN STEAMER

LONDON, Feb. 9.—7.15 p. m.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Shanghai, says it is credibly reported that the Russian mail steamer Mongolia which left Shanghai on Sunday has been captured by the Japanese off Shantung peninsula.

RUSSIA'S STRENGTH IN FIGHTING BOATS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The latest returns of Russian warships in the far east total ninety-four, including eight battleships, sixteen cruisers, seven gunboats and 56 torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats. Three more battleships and nine torpedo boats are to go to the far east in the spring.

SECRETARY HAY TO THE POWERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities and thereafter the neutrality and integrity of China must be recognized. Details of the note are not obtainable in advance of the receipt of the replies.

It is known, however, that exchanges already have taken place which justify the state department in expecting favorable responses to its note.

The matter has created a great sensation in diplomatic circles here.

THE CHINESE WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

PARIS, Feb. 9.—China, it is understood, has given official assurances that she will immediately issue a declaration of neutrality. This is considered highly important in view of the possibility of Chinese, impressed by the Japanese success at Port Arthur, joining the Japanese.

JAPANESE PEOPLE GOING TO CHINA

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese residents are leaving Port Arthur. On Monday a steamer took 100 and proceeded to Dalny, thence to Japan. Others are going to China. Admiral Alexieff tried to reassure them and promised protection to their families. Russian officers and foreign merchants are leaving here in fear that the Chinese will rise. War correspondents will use despatch boats. Foreign officers who have been refused permission to accompany the fleet probably will accompany the army.

NO SERIOUS BATTLE IS EXPECTED YET

LONDON, Feb. 9. Baron Hayashi says the Japanese fleet is not likely to blockade Port Arthur. His knowledge of the Japanese naval plans as tentatively prepared, leads him and others here to believe that the Japanese fleet is now lying btween Che Foo and the Yalu river screening the landing of troops, one army corps at Fusan and two at Penyang, Koren.

Night torpedo attacks on the part of the Japanese fleet, will, it is believed, be kept up so long as the Russian fleet maintains its necessary position outside of Port Arthur. This will be done in the hope of breaking up the Russians' nerve.

The troops landing at Penyang will be pushed towards the Manchurian frontier. Those at Fusan will proceed to Seoul.

Unless Viceroy Alexieff assumes the aggressive no serious naval battle is expected until the disembarkation of the Japanese troops is completed.

THE INABA MARU NOT CAPTURED

LONDON, Feb. 9—Baron Hayashi denies that Japan has purchased the Chilean warships Capitan Prat, Chacabuco and Almirante Condell.

The Nippon company's London agents have heard nothing of the alleged capture of the steamer Inaba Maru, near Hong Kong, by Russian warships, as reported by a news agency in the United States today. It is asserted here that Russia has no warships in the vicinity of Hong Kong and that the refuge the Inaba Maru cannot have been captured.

U. S. SQUADRON TO WATCH FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—Orders will be cabled today to Rear Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Albany, New Orleans, Raleigh and Cincinnati from Subig bay to some point in Chinese waters yet to be determined for the purpose of observing the naval operations. It is expected that the squadron can coal and get under way within two days. Admiral Evans is expected to keep the battleship squadron in Philippine waters throughout the period of hostilities between Russia and Japan. This decision was reached at the cabinet meeting today after long consideration. It has been finally settled that the cruiser squadron will not go to Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS READY TO FIGHT

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The Russian Red Cross society already has sent 2000 beds to the far east and Sisters of Mercy are leaving.

The temper of the people which was indicated in the great personal demonstration accorded to their majesties at the imperial opera house last evening, the audiences rising and singing "God Save the Czar and Give Him Victory," was further manifested this morning, after the arrival of the news from Port Arthur in the crowds of volunteers who besieged the general staff offices.

The naval reserves have been called out. The action of the Japanese in attacking the Russian fleet without a declaration of war is denounced as an outrage by the Russians generally and the result, instead of discouraging them, seems to have been to furnish the spark necessary to fire Russian patriotism.

The effect on the bourse, where it was rumored the full extent of the fighting at Port Arthur had not been made public, and that the engagement was still progressing, was that a resumption of the panic seemed absolutely inevitable. The market had no support, imperial fours falling another point. Lottery bonds were quoted at 36 roubles and bank stocks at 26.

BRYAN VICTORY

Court Gives Decision in His Favor

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 9.—In two decisions handed down today Judge Thayer in the superior court, sustains counsel for William J. Bryan in certain contentions growing out of the refusal of the probate court to admit to probate as a part of the will of the late P. S. Bennett, the sealed letter giving $50,000 to Mr. Bryan. One decision sustains a demurrer entered by counsel for Mr. Bryan to a plea in abatement filed in behalf of Mrs. Bennett, widow of the testator, from Mr. Bryan's appeal from the probate court's decision. The decision says in part:

"The situation was a peculiar one. The probate court knowing all the facts, permitted him (Mr. Bryan) to qualify as executor and afterwards allowed his appeal without requiring him to resign the executorship. If the appellant by his conduct has estopped himself from prosecuting this appeal or is holding inconsistent positions as respects the will or its probate, advantage can be taken of it, by a latter pleading or motion. There is no such inconsistency in his position to this appeal."

The other decision overrules a motion by counsel for Mrs. Bennett and other heirs to expunge certain portions of the answer of Mr. Bryan to the appeal brought by Mrs. Bennett.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—The sharp depression in foreign markets, on account of the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan had little effect in the opening dealings today in the stock market here. Gains and losses were very evenly divided and some of the important international stocks were conspicuous amongst the gains. Southern Pacific rose ¾, United States Steel pfd., ⅝ and Sugar and Brooklyn Transit about a point. The greatest losses were in Wabash pfd., which fell 7/8 and Louisville & Nashville ¾. The market was active and varied.

11 a. m.—The support accorded the market in the opening dealings alarmed the short interest and they bought heavily of all the leaders, causing prices to rise abruptly. Before the expiration of the first hour advances of a point or more had been made quite general throughout. The Penna. group, the Pacifics, St. Paul, Northwestern, Amalgamated, United States Steel pfd, and the fractions rose from 1 to 1⅝. Realty pfd. gained 2 and Westinghouse Electric 5. Realizing sales forced prices slightly off at 11 o'clock and the market became dull.

Noon.—Prices did not continue to advance but reactions were resisted and some stocks came late into the upward movement. Some of the southwesterns, Southern Railway pfd., General Electric and a few minor specialties gained 1 to 2. Brooklyn Transit rose 2 in all and Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis 3, Texas Pacific lost 1 and Colorado & Southern second pfd., 2. Bonds were steady.

1 p. m.—The market crept up slowly. St. Paul ,Atchison, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Penna., Amalgamated, U. S. Steel pfd., and Brooklyn Transit selling slightly higher than in the morning. In general, prices ruled at about the highest, but the inquiry was small. Ice pfd., moved up 2½ while Virginia-Carolina Chemical pfd., dropped six.

2 p. m.—Purchases were resumed and the favored stocks responded by touching a higher level. Advances in the most active stocks averaged 1½ and reached twice that in Consolidated Gas, General Electric and Continental Tobacco pfd. Lackawanna rose 4. The market gave way later when the room traders took profits. U. S. Steel pfd. was then marked up 2¾ and steadied the market.

BRITISH SCHOONER GROUNDED.

CHATHAM, Mass., Feb. 9—Carried off her course by the strong tide the British schooner Acacia, Capt. Ritcey, grounded on Shoveful shoal early today. She was bound from New York for Liverpool, N. S., with 160 tons of coal. Capt. Kelley of Monomoy Point with his life saving crew reached the schooner, after a trip in which the men were badly handicapped by the ice which continually formed about their oars, and succeeded in floating the Acacia. Although the vessel was leaking 300 strokes an hour, Capt. Ritcey decided to proceed to his destination.

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FIERCE ATTACK

Made on Police Officer in Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Feb. 9.—A murderous assault upon a police officer in the discharge of his duties took place last night about 8 o'clock in the midst of the Italian quarters, which has been the scene of many such affairs before.

Officers Blair and Donovan, who patrol that dangerous locality, while making their rounds, were attracted to a grocery store near 123 Common street, where the proprietor had been assaulted by an Italian. The victim pointed out the man, who was disappearing into the house numbered 123, and the policemen gave chase.

The fugitive ran up several flights and out through a trap door upon the flat roof, which is used to dry clothes.

Both officers were close upon the heels of the man and Policeman Blair was in the lead. Blair mounted the short ladder leading to the trap, and when half way out upon the roof, the Italian with a muttered imprecation plunged a knife into the breast of the officer. Blair staggered out upon the roof and was about to grapple with his assailant, when Officer Donovan, who was close behind, felled the user of the knife with a crack from his club.

The Italian struggled to his feet and turned upon the officer, but he was quickly subdued and handcuffed.

The wounded officer and the prisoner were removed to the station and Dr. Birmingham summoned. The physician ascertained that the knife had penetrated with a clean cut into the flesh, but was deflected from the heart by a rib. Dr. Birmingham stated that the officer's escape from instant death was narrow.

The name which the prisoner gave was Patricia Gordo. His head and face was covered with blood and his coat and shirt was stained with the crimson fluid.

In order to reach the officer's breast the knife would have to penetrate through his heavy winter coat, cardigan jacket, vest, outer shirt and a heavy undershirt.

Gordo was booked on the blotter for "assault with intent to kill," and his case will come up before Judge Stone today.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 6.40, 6.28, *6.30, x6.45, w6.59, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.46, w*8.00, *8.57, 9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.46, 1.44, *1.58, w2.31, x3.03, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.22, w7.00, 7.25, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30, 7.24, w*8.15, 8.45, 9.30 a. m.; w12.05, w1.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.05, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, w*11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.18 a. m.; w12.05, w6.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, x2.30, x3.55, w5.06, 6.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w6.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 6.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.23 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 1.44 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.01, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 2.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39, a. m.; *12.00, 1.00, *1.32, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 5.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.00, *1.39 (to Franklin only.) 5.00, *8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.32 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *10.10, 9.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.00, *8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, 5.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p.m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
xVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. bDaily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
zVia Bedford. xVia Wilmington Junc.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

TO THE SPIRITUALISTS of our city—There will be a circle at my home, 355 Gorham street, opposite Court house, on Wednesday evening of this week. Mrs. C. Adams.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a doll carriage, a go-cart or a handsome doll with a pound of tea or two pounds of coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Elwin L. Mott of Lowell, in said county, that he was lawfully married to Elenor Mott, now of Toronto Junction, Dominion of Canada, at Norwich, Dominion of Canada, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1882, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Elenor lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell; that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Elenor being wholly regardless of the same, at Lowell, on or about the ninth day of July, A. D. 1890, did cruelly desert your libellant, and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Elenor.

Dated this 28th day of January, A. D. 1904.

EDWIN L. MOTT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, February 1, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said court at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of March next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest. THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Lucenda D. French, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

WALTER F. LEIGHTON, Adm., 40 Middlesex St., Lowell, Mass.

Jan. 26, 1904.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—A wood and coal teamster at John P. Quinn's, Junction of Gorham and Dix streets.

WANTED A middle aged lady for a housekeeper and to care for children. Apply at 417 Lawrence street.

WANT first class business man central ing $3000 to manage business in Lowell that will pay more than $2500 yearly; no scheme. National Cash Discount Co., Inc., 57 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.

WANTED—Salesmen, salary and commissions; large sales and big profits. Call the Arlington house, room 29, Lowell, 6 to 9 p. m.

WANTED—At once, table girl. 45 Fifth street.

WANTED—Good pastry cook. Apply at 41 Moss, corp.

WANTED—Engineer; third-class license. Apply to W. H. Bugshaw, Wilson street.

LIFE INSURANCE—We want a few first-class men who can write insurance; to such men we will pay an absolute guaranteed salary and commission; call and see our new contract for agents. Apply Provident Savings Life, 13 Merrimack square.

WANTED—An experienced cook at the Quincy house, 13 Lee street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leihas, room 9, Barristers hall.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED Position to do housework and care for children in working family. Apply at 52 Bridge street.

WANTED Situation washing dishes or at light housework and minding a child or two. Apply at 12 Brown street.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children and to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 82 Crosby street.

NURSE—Capable, experienced, can be obtained at reasonable terms at 38 Jones avenue, Drucut Centre.

WANTED—A situation as housekeeper by a neat, capable, experienced American, where strict attention will be appreciated. Address J. B. W., care Machine Co., Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Fox terrier pup, white, with brown ears, name and address on collar. Finder will please return to 332 Lincoln street, Howard.

LOST Between Ash street and Merrimack mills, a pair of eyeglasses. Chain on case. Reward at Sun office.

LOST—Saturday evening between Newhall and Union streets, brooch pin with photo on it. Reward at 14 Newhall St.

LOST—A marten muff in the Bon Marche or on Merrimack street. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to 42 Branch street.

LOST—A sum of money between 557 Dutton and 14 Floyd street. Finder return to Floyd street and receive reward.

LOST—A lady's silver watch with chatelaine pin. Finder please return to 98 Perry street and receive reward.

LOST—A shepherd dog, nine months old. Finder please return to H. Dockett, 20 Concord street.

LOST—Monday afternoon between Chalifoux's store and Middle street entrance to Middlesex club, a pair of eyeglasses in case. Finder rewarded at Sun office.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

SACRIFICE SALE—62 acres close to three cities; electrics pass for benches and cities; high, overlooking; all good buildings; price $2500. Call or write the Arlington house, Lowell. Call for Mr. Batchelder.

FOR SALE

THE GREAT BARGAIN PLACE in Lowell for shirts and shirt waists and full suits is the Highland Remnant Store, 20 Pine street; take the Westford street car; a full line of regular 50c mercerized vesting and ottomans for 39c per yd.; also mercerized cheviot, regular price 25c, for 25c to 29c per yd.; regular 35c mercerized Sea Island for 21c per yd.; also Barnaby ginghams, flannelettes and vestings in bundles by the pound; it will pay you to see these bargains before purchasing elsewhere; also boot and shoe repairing done at lowest prices; drop us a postal card and we will call for and repair and deliver the goods without any extra charge.

PIANO FOR SALE—We have two high grade pianos which were repossessed and are less than a year and a half old; they are in storage and can be bought for less than half the original cost; we do not want the trouble and expense of shipping these pianos back to Boston; fully guaranteed and can be bought on the easiest possible terms. Address I. R. Calne, care Sun office.

FOR SALE—An almost new upright piano. 17 Manufacturers street, off Short street, Joseph Yannoloma.

$350 PIANO for sale at a bargain, as party is leaving city. Call at 16 Summer street between 2 and 4 and 7 and 9 p. m.

FOR SALE—Drug store, easy terms. Address "Drugs," box 316, Fall River, Mass.

TO SELL—Second hand bath tub, stoves, ice chests, carpets, bed lounge, chairs and many smaller articles, cheap; will go quick. 1 Charles street court.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a good double travers runner sleigh. Inquire at 25 Cross street.

FOR SALE—Fine double sleigh, built to order, nearly new; owner having no further use for it will sell cheap. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

GERMAN ELECTRIC BELT—Relieves rheumatic pains of back and limbs at once; easily adjusted; price $3. F. H. Saunders, agent, 110 Middlesex street.

FOR SALE—Goldfinches, green and gray linnets; also 200 young canaries; choice of this lot $1.50; also lot of gold fish at three for 25c at Moore's Bird Store, 142 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of W. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 24 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 25c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 168 Merrimack St.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 81 Merrimack St., corner John.

SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK—$3 worth of any kind of trading stamps given with one pound of our 60c tea; $5 worth with our 50c tea; 53 worth with our 35c coffee; also fresh creamery butter from Vermont every week. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis square.

GLORIA is the greatest family beverage; gives wealthy, nervous women vigor and health. Boyle Bros., agents. Tel.

MADAM LENORE—Clairvoyant card reader; also gifted with drawing power. 71 Tyler street.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance medium and card reader.

MME. WATSON EMERSON—Clairvoyant and psychological readings at 474 Central street, also instruction in elocution and physical culture.

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium, 81 Merrimack street.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590**

A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

The sworn daily average circulation for the month of January, 1904, was: **15,432**

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Quite a controversy is in process in New Hampshire in regard to the house in which Daniel Webster was born, some maintaining that it is not now in existence, while others as stoutly aver that it is still standing. Massachusetts, however, retains at Marshfield the home in which his last years were spent, and there can be no controversy over the authenticity of the dwelling.—Brockton Times.

With such a controversy over the birthplace of a man whose eloquence was heard by many yet in the flesh, what will be the state of affairs two hundred years from now?

With increased powers the state board of arbitration might be made much more useful than at present in the settlement of disputes. It would be well to carry out the governor's suggestion so that on the authority of the governor the board would be empowered to interpose its good offices in any dispute without application from either of the parties concerned. It does seem that the state board of arbitration might easily increase its usefulness. The legislature in making any change in the functions of the board should not confine itself to the governor's suggestion.

THE COTTON KING'S REVERSE.

The friends of justice and humanity will rejoice over the reverse suffered by Daniel Sully, the cotton king, in his effort to keep the price of cotton at a figure under which it cannot be manufactured without reducing the operatives to a condition of serfdom. As the price of cotton goes up, the rate of wages goes down and from this very cause has this cotton king already produced untold suffering among the operatives not only in New England but in the south, where women and children work over eleven hours a day for what is barely sufficient to keep body and soul together.

DEFEAT FOR CHAMBERLAIN.

Chamberlain has suffered a severe reverse in a by election at Gateshead. He boasted that there was no constituency to which he would rather submit his preferential tariff scheme than that of Gateshead. Mr. Chamberlain had proclaimed his opposition to home rule for Ireland as he had done in Gladstone's time when he joined the tories against the home rule bill. To defeat him at Gateshead the Irish party sent over Joseph Devlin, M. P., the brilliant young orator who pleaded Ireland's cause in this country, and he turned the tide against Chamberlain with the result that his candidate was beaten by a majority of 1200.

There is good reason to believe that the defeat suffered by Chamberlain is but the forerunner of many other similar defeats that are to follow.

THE BALTIMORE FIRE.

The Baltimore fire will certainly carry an important lesson to other cities in the art of fire fighting.

It is a matter of some importance to every city in the land to provide against a similar disaster by having a well equipped fire department and as many precautions as possible in the line of fireproof buildings and walls which will stop the progress of a fire that would otherwise spread rapidly.

It is important also that the fire departments should fight the fire from the front, not from the rear or the side as was done in Baltimore until the Philadelphia company arrived.

From what has been learned from the Chicago theatre horror and this most destructive fire in Baltimore, there is much to be learned by other cities if they would avoid such disasters.

One remarkable feature of the great fire is that no firemen were killed. Indeed such a result is calculated to lead to the conclusion that the firemen kept at a safe distance and did not expose themselves to the danger of being overcome by smoke or crushed under falling walls.

DEMANDING MORE OF THE LICENSE FEES.

There seems to be no basis of justice underlying the bill now before the legislature providing that one-half the money paid for liquor licenses be turned over to the state. This is one of the schemes devised by Governor Bates to raise money. The other is an inheritance tax. Against the latter there is not so much to be said, but if a city has license it has to bear the expense of the paupers, which the business will produce; but if half the license money be turned over to the state there will not be enough left to support the victims of the traffic. The amount paid the state at the present time is 25 per cent. of the license money. Thus Lowell's last quota was $40,006, but if the change proposed by the governor were made this amount would be doubled.

Why this attempt to extort money from the towns and cities of the state? Simply that the republican party in the state administration last year was recklessly extravagant and it wants to make a better showing this year, not by reducing expenses but by making the towns and cities pay a larger part of the bill.

The measure should be promptly defeated. The scheme is not proposed in the interest of no license but merely to enable the republicans to make a better showing in their state finances.

OUR DANGEROUS SIDEWALKS.

During the past week and indeed since the beginning of this cold spell there has been an unprecedented absence of sand on the slippery sidewalks. On Monday the sidewalks on the business portion of Merrimack street would have made good skating ground, and yet there was no sign of sand, nothing to indicate that we have a street committee and a superintendent of streets. The unusual spectacle of store-keepers on Merrimack street spreading ashes in front of their places of business was seen but nowhere the street department man with his shovel of sand.

The street department is not compelled to put sand on slippery sidewalks but we may be compelled to settle damage suits where parties have fallen through the neglect of the street department to attend to its business. The abutters are responsible only when by their neglect some obstruction or ice ridge on the sidewalk becomes dangerous, but they are not obliged to do the work of the street department in keeping the sidewalks in safe condition.

EVERYBODY TO BE PENSIONED.

That scheme for pensions for all males who have paid a poll tax for twenty-five years and who have reached the age of 65 years is a new idea surely. It is said to be copied from New Zealand. Perhaps the author of the bill now before the legislature with this provision was in New Zealand and was on the pension list. The pension feature would be very acceptable no doubt, for who is there who would not like to have a pension, but the measure goes farther and suggests an increase in the poll tax to $5 a year instead of $2. If the pension of $2 at the age of 65 is to be purchased by the payment of $3 additional from the age of 21 for 44 years we beg to say that we do not want a pension on any such conditions. We might pay for forty years towards the pension and then die before reaching the age of superannuation. The Marlboro man should make himself popular by putting young men on the pension list at 21 and increasing the poll tax at 65. We surmise that this would pass the legislature just as fast as the other.

SEEN AND HEARD

Watch the Merrimack when the snow begins to go.

All the slips are not between the cups and the lips these days.

As cold as it is in Russia there seems to be lots of hot air floating around there.

Preparations are being made for Easter Monday balls.

The fire insurance companies are being struck hard.

If fires are a criterion, 1904 promises to be a warm year.

The financial year at the local post office closes April 1st.

Our legislator, Mr. W. H. I. Hayes, is keeping unusually quiet.

There are heaps of snow upon the ground, and if a sudden thaw comes walking will be fearful.

The sidewalks see little sand, so they are very slippery, and the old plan of using ashes is almost forgotten.

Havana tobacco is so cheap at present that the manufacturers are seriously thinking of putting some of it into cigars.

The cotton speculators are getting it in the neck, and much good may it do them.

The blood cloud of war has again appeared above the horizon and history but repeats itself.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and a shovelful of sand judiciously applied is a splendid thing.

The snow and ice are packed solid between the street railway rails and there'll be something doing before the summer time.

The millionen say they never saw such a winter. The deep snow has made it hard for them to get around, especially where they must deliver on foot to back doors.

Please, Mr. Beals, put some more sand on the sidewalks. Get your men out early in the morning and let them off early in the evening. Really, Mr. Beals, you ought to put more sand on the sidewalks.

It was the Japs who tore the Chinese yoke from the necks of the Corean vassals, and while the Chinese fired on the Red Cross, beheaded sick soldiers, and tortured prisoners to death, the Japanese tenderly nursed Chinese captives.

It is pretty hard to get at an underground wire in the streets nowadays. 'Tis a case of "drill, you terriers, drill."

The Lowell bank is the oldest institution of its class in this city, being incorporated in 1828.

The fellow who loves milk and oysters but dispenses with their use because the scientists and some of the rest of the gang say they are laden with germs should be kicked to death by a good healthy mule.

Some of the old timers say that there have been more sleigh ride parties this winter than ever before in the city's history. Little Appleton street seems to be a favorite starting point and the destination, any old place where there's room to dance. We have had sleighing, good, bad and indifferent since December 26.

They do tell that the sleighing is very good indeed in the country. It is not very good in the city and a fellow cannot be too careful—a runner in the car track and over you go. Something that doesn't happen every day, happened yesterday about opposite Palmer street in Merrimack street. A fellow was driving in a cutter and his horse was going at quite a clip when suddenly one of the runners went down on the rail and the sleigh tipped. The young man was exceptionally active. He leaped from the sleigh, rather it seemed as if he just stepped out, brought the horse to a standstill by a vigorous tug at the reins with his right hand while with the left he straightened the sleigh up and went his way as if nothing had happened. He had youth and presence of mind on his side.

The town of Ayer, named after our late fellow citizen, Dr. James C. Ayer, who gave it a handsome town hall, is to have a home for aged women, through the will of the late Dr. Hartwell. It is a very worthy benefaction of Dr. Hartwell's, who for years was medical examiner for northern Middlesex and came to Lowell in a professional capacity on various occasions. The town of Ayer may well honor the memory of two physicians, who have so signally honored it.

Fashions change in vehicles as in clothes and other things. Take the bicycle as an example. Not long since the bicycle was all the rage; everybody felt the need of one, and many had them who could ill afford them. But where is the bicycle now? It has gone into disfavor and where formerly there were hundreds in use you can now scarcely find one. The truth is, the bicycle was done to death. Its usefulness was lost sight of, and it became a means of pleasure, but the fun soon wore off, for propelling a bicycle was more work than riders cared to acknowledge. But time told, and with the fun wearing off came the decline in the useful bicycle, which may yet assert its real and permanent worth. But as a fad it is beyond resurrection.

Our thriving neighbor, the city of Lawrence, came into being a quarter of a century later than Lowell, and its founders were the founders of Lowell. The poet Whittier's "Mountain-born" river, the Merrimack, gave birth to both, a few are aware how closely the early history of both places are interwoven. In 1846 by an act of the legislature the Essex company was formed, and the day the bill became a law 14 gentlemen, among them being the Lowells and Lawrences, Nathan Appleton, Patrick T. Jackson, John Nesmith, Jonathan Tyler and James B. Francis, went to the future city of Lawrence, viewed the location and in the evening drove to Lowell and sat down to a dinner in the Merrimac house. At this dinner Lawrence was born. It was named for Abbott Lawrence, who took 100 shares at $100 each, and became president of the Essex company. This was on March 20, 1845, and two years later Lawrence became a town and was chartered as a city in 1853. From these beginnings Lawrence grew until it now has nearly 60,000 population and a property valuation of fully 30 millions of dollars. Surely here is marvelous growth in a half century—a veritable Arabian Nights' tale, that seems almost impossible. It speaks well for the people of Lawrence.

With a big jump in the price of flour already the war in the far east is pinching American people. Singular, isn't it, how handily the big trusts get hold of a pretext for laying the burdens on the consumers; and you rarely hear of any relief. Pity the poor man—the man who works for a day's pay and has a home to support.

About the hour Father Time cut out the old from the new year there was born a pair of twins, daughter and son, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, living east of Versailles, O., says the Newark News.

Just before A. D. 1902 passed into history the daughter was born, and after the new year 1904 was ushered in the son was born. Both are well and hearty, but although they are twins they can never celebrate the anniversaries of their birth on the same day.

There is also something out of the ordinary connected with the birth of the mother. She is one of a pair of twins and was born on the night of May 31, just before midnight, 29 years ago, and her mate was born early on the morning of June 1.

It happened during one of the hot campaigns in the early '80s. Lawyer Nathan D. Pratt and the late "Judge" Edward B. Quinn frequently addressed meetings in our rural towns. To a place not far away from Lowell they went one evening in a team. Their reception by the democratic citizens of the burg was cordial enough, but there was no hall to meet in and allow the orators to lay down the immortal principles of Jefferson and Jackson. But a little thing like that could not disconcert the faith of true democracy. An open-air meeting was decided upon, and a farm wagon secured for the speakers and distinguished citizens. The meeting was opened by an honored son of the soil, and Mr. Pratt was introduced. His speech was a rattler. "My friends and fellow democrats," he remarked, standing in the creaky, "had-seen-better-days" wagon, "I am proud to stand before you tonight and address you on the grand old platform of the democratic party." Needless to say, his opening brought down the house.

Later on, in the Tilden campaign, Judge Quinn was called to Dunstable to make the welkin ring for democracy. On this occasion a wagon was also used as a speaker's platform. The vehicle fairly groaned under the load of leading citizens, and as Judge Quinn was being introduced it collapsed. The distinguished guests and citizens were tumbled into a heap, but doing no more serious damage than ruffling their hair and clothing and injuring their feelings. Judge Quinn was the first man to his feet. The shafts and seat of the wagon were left in position. The judge promptly clambered up, rose to his feet, and in a calm voice said: "My fellow democrats: Truth crushed to earth will rise again. No matter what happens, a true democrat can always find enough of a democratic platform to stand on." And after the shouts of laughter and applause had died away, the brilliant Judge Quinn launched into a fine speech, and even added an eloquent peroration.

AMERICAN PRIESTS

WERE FIRED UPON BY CONSTABULARY.

MANILA, Feb. 10—Seventeen members of the constabulary stationed at Vigan, one of the leading business centres of Luzon, have deserted, taking with them 50 rifles, 5000 rounds of ammunition and $700, obtained by looting the commissary department.

The number of fugitives has since been augmented by a party of 80 escaping from the same quarter. Gov. Wright promptly requested military assistance and Col. Thomas dispatched a squadron of cavalry scouts in pursuit. Col. Scott leaves today with a body of constabulary.

Later advices indicate that the revolt of the constabulary at Vigan has developed into a small uprising against the Americans and loyal Filipinos. Two American priests, Frs. McCloskey and Kirk, have been fired upon, but no casualties are reported. The telegraph wires leading to the disturbed district have been cut.

Ricarte, one of the former Filipino leaders, is believed to be at the head of this movement.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Cotton futures closed steady. Feb. 12.42, March 12.61, April 12.89, May 13.00, June 13.04, July 13.05, Aug. 12.38, Sept. 11.60, Oct. 11.15, Nov. ——, Dec. 10.80.

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Mitchell Brosnan, son of Lieut. Jas. Brosnan of the police department and formerly captain of Co. D of the High school regiment, has taken Master Thomas Farrell's place as regimental adjutant. Mr. Farrell has left High school and has accepted a position in one of the local banks.

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SULLY'S REVERSE

A Subject for Congratulation in Mill Cities

The following from the Manchester News is of interest to Lowell readers:

The best piece of news that the people of New England have heard for many a day appeared in their newspapers this morning in the form of a dispatch from New York to the effect that the price of cotton slumped from 17½ cents a pound to 13⅞ cents.

Daniel Sully, who has engineered the corner in cotton and has thereby reduced the wages and forced untold misery on hundreds of thousands of honest workingmen and their families throughout the east and south, was literally overwhelmed by the offers of cotton that he received. He and the rest of the short interest were literally driven into their holes and the holes plugged with cotton after them.

The bears trampled on all opposition and the speculative and fictitious values that he has labored twelve months to build up were swept away in an hour. Since the present bear movement opened the last Tuesday up to last night cotton had declined $17.50 a bale. And after trying vainly to stop the flood of offers which fairly deluged him, Sully was forced to retire from the ring a beaten man.

He tried later in the day to regain some of his lost prestige but it was no use, and he had to abandon the field worsted for the first time in his long and meteoric career.

Sully's downfall has long been anticipated and predicted and is as certain to ultimately result whether yesterday winds him up or not as the sun is to rise and set. If the price of cotton continues high more and more of it will be planted in this country, and more and more will be planted in Egypt and India. The growth will finally become so great that the market will be glutted and the price will go down no matter if a dozen Sullys were operating to keep it up.

Many forces have operated so far to keep Sully and high prices in the saddle, principal among which perhaps, is the deadly cotton boll weevil which has flourished so ruthlessly in Texas and the southwest generally. When to this is added the comparatively small crop of Egyptian and Indian cotton, and the tremendous increase in manufacturing, particularly in the southern states of this country, it is not at all strange that cotton should go up and stay up.

It is possible if not probable that we shall never see 6 cent cotton in this country again, but good manufacturers assert that the mills can be kept running and the present scale of wages paid with cotton at 12 cents a pound. Good judges believe that cotton will be hammered to that point and will be kept there by manipulation until the new crop comes in and renders further manipulation unnecessary.

At any event a long step toward saner prices and safer conditions was taken on the Cotton Exchange yesterday, and our only hope is that this is the beginning of the end of a career, every step of which has been over the bodies and across the hearts of suffering men, women and children.

Napoleon Bonaparte slew his tens of thousands, but he did it in open combat, took his chance with his men and looked death in the face like the soldier and the hero that he was. And when he triumphed, elevated to the highest places and the chiefest emoluments his fellow warriors. Daniel Sully has brought penury, starvation, want, disgrace, idleness and misery to tens of thousands of peaceful homes and to millions of God's unfortunates struggling for the necessities of life, and has done it wantonly, brazenly, cruelly, while he has gorged himself with the luxuries their blood and sweat brought him. Selfishness has been his predominant trait. He has enriched those who were already rich to make poorer those already poor. A scourge or a famine could not have worked greater disaster to the spinners and weavers of Lancashire, the poor whites and their little underpaid, underfed, undersized offspring in the Carolinas and Georgia, and the more intelligent and better paid operatives of New England, than this man Sully. His whole career has operated like a blast from a furnace upon a delicate marble, withering, scorching, cracking, ruining its beauty, its utility and its life.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The last two performances of "The Octoroon" will be given at the Academy of Music this afternoon and evening. The performances have been well attended and the show is worthy of the patronage of the local theatre goers.

Lovers of bright clean comedy will do well to visit the "Social Whirl" which opens a three nights and daily matinee engagement tomorrow afternoon at the Academy of Music. This piece by a bright New York newspaper man, is one of the strongest bits of humor now on the American stage. The situations are extremely funny, and follow each other with lightning like rapidity, and keep the audience continually convulsed with laughter. Bright, clean comedy is the keynote of this entertainment and is the reason of its strong popularity. The manager, Mr. J. J. Shay, has shown his keen business judgment in introducing very strong vaudeville acts which are far in advance of the specialties carried with like attractions. Lovers of dancing will not fail to see Miss Alice Thornton in her strong buck and wing dancing, or Hall and Parson, the oringinal wench and soubrette. Cunningham and Coveney promise a treat in refined buck and wing dancing, introducing the very strong original act of executing in wooden shoes all the single, double and triple steps known in buck and wing dancing.

AT THE CASTO.

That this week's program at the Casto is highly satisfactory is proved by the fact that the cosy theatre has been crowded at every performance. The race of horse against man is the magnet that draws the crowds and all are well repaid for their attendance. The race is the most exciting event ever placed upon a local stage. Yesterday's races were very close, and the spectators cheered each contestant as they struggled for the lead. The races were not won until the very last yard was covered. The remainder of the program is excellent, and there is not a weak act on the bill. Green trading stamps are given free with orchestra tickets.

BOXING GOSSIP

The Riverview Athletic club will hold its usual smoke talk at Dewey Grove on Friday evening and a fine bill has been arranged.

In addition to the usual musical and terpsichorean numbers, there will be a fine exhibition of the manly art by talented members. The boxing bill will include Joe Gendron of Nashua vs. Kid Cahill of Lawrence; Martin Mead vs. Hughey Napier; Young Marshall of Lowell vs. Joe Murphy of Providence; Jack Osborn of Lawrence vs. Tom McLaughlin.

The meeting will mark the reappearance in the ring of Tom McLaughlin, the welter-weight, who in the old days of the Gladstone and the Knickerbocker clubs, was one of the most promising in this city. Tom has met such men as George Gardner, the late John Dion, Charlie Armstrong, John E. Butler, Young Sharkey and others and showed up finely. Recently he decided to re-enter the ring and those who saw him try out claim that he is all right.

Why don't Old Sport and his rival, whom Old Sport dubs as the "Waller," engage to entertain the members of the Riverview club at one of their smoke talks?

A match which will interest all Lowell sports is coming in the near future between Jimmy Walsh of Newton, the 105-pound champion of the world, and Kid Flannery of this city. Walsh having recently agreed to take on the Lowell youngster. Friends of Flannery claim that he will lick Walsh, and if he succeeds in doing it he will jump into prominence at once. Flannery is a very likely youngster and all the experts who have seen him work predict a great future for him. It is not unlikely that the match will be held in Lawrence at one of the two clubs there. If so undoubtedly a big crowd from this city will be in attendance. The date of the match and other particulars will be agreed upon some day next week.

VERDICT OF GUILTY

Found in Case of Helen W. Post

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 10—A verdict of guilty was returned last evening by the jury in the case of Helen Wilmans Post, the mental science healer, who has been on trial for the past 10 days in the United States court. The charge against Mrs. Post was that she devised a scheme to defraud divers people and used the U. S. mails to further said scheme.

The maximum penalty is a fine not exceeding $500 or imprisonment not exceeding 18 months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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FRANK JOHNSON

WAS MADE SPECIAL TREASURY AGENT AT BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Frank E. Johnson has been appointed by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw to be special treasury agent at Boston in charge of the New England service, to take the place of Converse J. Smith, who recently resigned. Mr. Johnson is expected to take up his duties tomorrow.

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RUINS COLLAPSED

Extreme Discomfort for Police and Troops in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10—The night was marked by two new alarms of fire, the fall of a number of walls and conditions of extreme discomfort for the soldiers and policemen on guard, the temperature dropping about 10 degrees and a keen wind blowing throughout the night. The weather conditions it is thought were responsible for the falling walls, the racking effect of the cold upon the heated bricks aiding the wind in bringing down several of the ruins.

The firemen were called out early during the night by an alarm of fire, the blaze originating in the engine room of the lumber yard of William D. Gill & Son, in the southwestern district, not far from the burned district, though the fire was an entirely independent one. Three companies and the fireboat Cataract responded and extinguished the fire after it had done $7500 damage to the lumber yard and an adjacent pulverizer works. Later an unimportant blaze in the northern residence district again called out some of the overworked firemen, but with these exceptions the men spent the night in their beds.

The detachment of police who spent the night in the ruins guarding the vaults and safes in the financial district were far more comfortable. Owing to the need of police to patrol the outlying residential section it was necessary for men to put in 10 and 12 hours of continuous duty and almost without shelter and the men were thoroughly benumbed when relieved at daylight this morning. Even the soldiers on guard for but two hours at a stretch found this tour in the icy wind long enough and considerate officers permitted them to shelter themselves in convenient doorways and build small picket fires wherever possible. Those in exposed posts paced briskly to and fro to keep the blood in circulation. Three companies of troops were kept on continuous patrol duty in the ruins throughout the night and the outer lines were maintained as strictly as ever by the three regiments and the naval brigade. So quiet were the conditions that the military headquarters in the marshal's office were practically closed at midnight.

A conflict between branches of the federal government was reported last night when one of the mail carriers who was endeavoring to enter the post office for duty was halted by a private of the company of heavy artillery which was placed on guard around that building and the sub-treasury. In the encounter between the sentry and the carrier the latter was hit over the head with the soldier's rifle, but was not seriously injured.

One branch of the city government that is running in full operation is the marriage license bureau, 16 licenses being issued yesterday and the rush continuing today.

Among the ruins that collapsed during the early morning hours was a large section of the Calvert street front of the big Equitable building at the corner of Fayette and Calvert streets and the front wall of an office building on St. Paul street between the Herald office and the Law building. A large section of the interior of the latter building also fell in, but the walls withstood the wind.

Buildings of all descriptions in the down town district are in great demand for use as temporary offices. Nearly all of the banking and fiduciary concerns have secured buildings or apartments wherein they will conduct their business until permanent quarters can be secured. The financial centre of the city has been removed from South and German streets to Saratoga and Charles streets, seven blocks to the northwest of the demolished stock exchange.

FIRE IN LAWRENCE

BLAZE STARTED IN CLOSET NEAR A CHIMNEY.

LAWRENCE, Feb. 10.—The fire department had a hard run in responding to the alarm from box 91 on Prospect hill yesterday. The fire was in a dwelling at 72 Woodland street, owned by Fred C. Woekel, and occupied by his family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woekel. The fire originated in a closet on the second floor from the chimney, it is thought.

The crackling of the flames attracted the attention of one of the women in the house, and aid was summoned from the engine house on Howard street near by. The fire was raging in the upper portion of the house when the apparatus arrived, and an alarm was sounded from the box at the engine house. The house was gutted, the damage being estimated at $1500.

Charles Rock, a well known meat cutter, has been appointed a member of the Ayer City fire company to succeed Lieut. Peter Webster, deceased.

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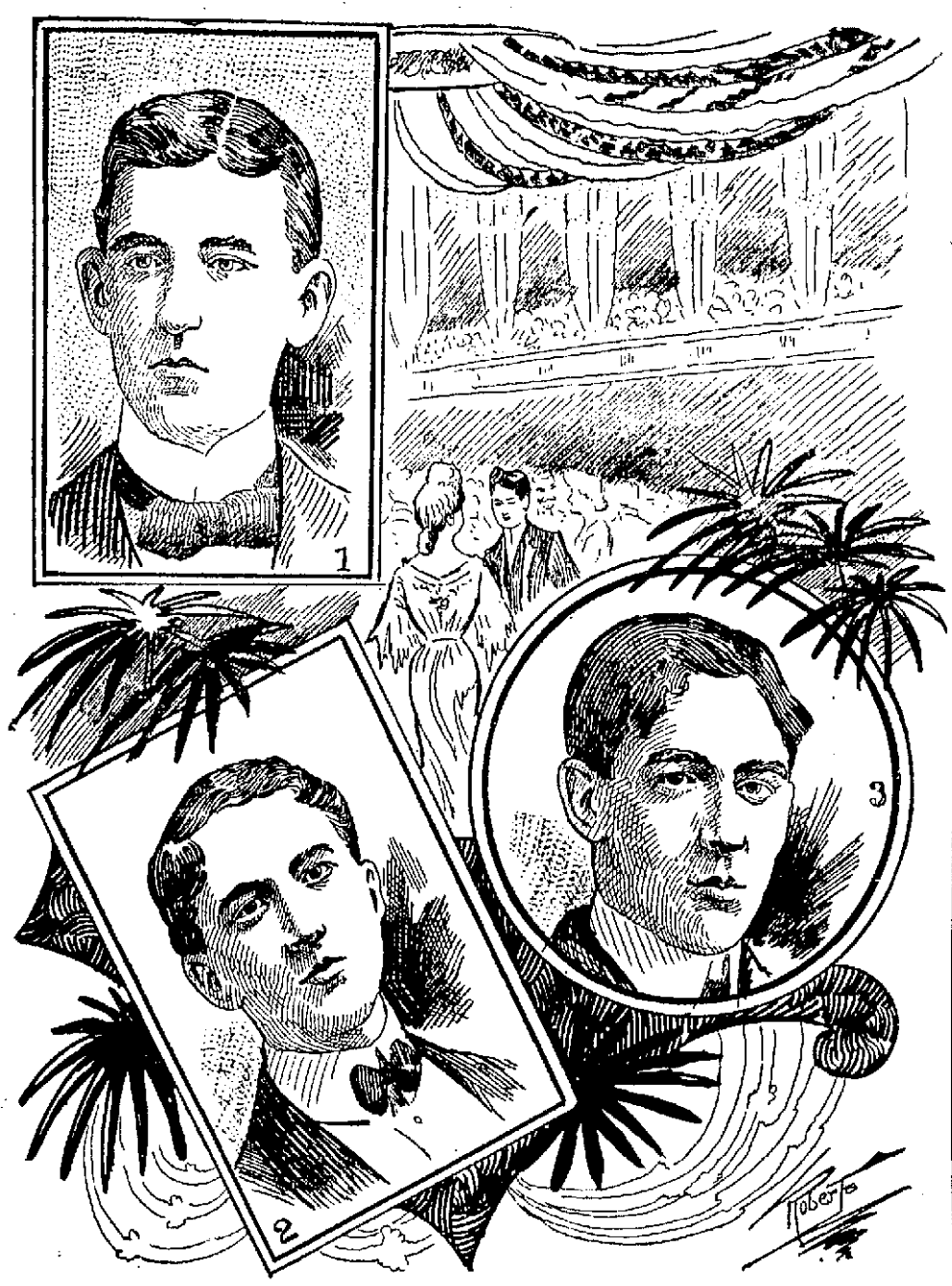
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WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN, Assistant Floor Director.

Unsurpassed Decorations at the Y. M. C. I. Ball in Huntington Hall

Huntington hall was transformed into a bower of beauty and grace last night. For their seventh annual concert and ball the Young Men's Catholic Institute of the Immaculate Conception parish presented a decorative feature never surpassed in this city. The immense hall was crowded, especially during the early part of the evening and the young men who planned the great social affair of the season in Catholic circles saw their efforts crowned with a success well deserved and most pleasing to the hundreds of friends of the young men.

From 8 until 9 o'clock Knowlton & Allen's orchestra of Natick gave a choice concert which those who occupied seats in the gallery enjoyed.

The music for the concert and the dancing was furnished by Knowlton & Allen's orchestra of Natick, ten pieces. The concert lasted from eight to nine o'clock and consisted of the following selections:—

March—Jolly General .....Moret
Overture—William Tell .....Rossini
Negro Caprice—Gazabo .....Godfrey
Clarinet Solo—Somnambula ..Cavallerl
F. D. Coose.
Selection—Trip to Africa.....Mosely
Finale—Imperial ..... Anthony

Shortly before 9 those who were to take part in the grand march began to arrive. The special guests of the institute also reached the hall about this time and were escorted to the seats reserved for them in the gallery, by a committee headed by Thomas J. Bean. The front row in the gallery center was occupied by Mayor and Mrs. Howe, Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O. M. I., the spiritual director of the Y. M. C. I., Rev. L. J. Tighe, O. M. I., Rev. Wade Smith, O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Fallon of Holy Angels college, Buffalo, N. Y., Miss Annie Gookin and Dr. Dorgan of Lawrence. A little later the grand march was started and it was then that the beauty of the decorations was seen. The feature was well chosen, the design of the stage which represented an immense court yard being most effective.

A lattice work along which crept a pretty vine dotted here and there with roses was the frame work and crowded along the stage floor were numerous plants, palms, sprouting flowers and hedging. In the center of an artificial pond stood a large fountain from the main figure of which was a little child holding in its arms a goose from whose mouth a spray of water played continually during the night. The whole fountain was ablaze with red and white lights. Around the sides of the stage were set immense Doric columns each surmounted by a large arc light. In the hall itself no less than 400 extra electric bulbs figured in the decoration. From a canopy of pink and white that covered the main chandelier were strung 10 streamers of laurel dotted with small red and white bulbs from which brilliant light shone.

These streamers with great festoons of white and green were attached to other Doric columns set in the gallery. The gallery front was draped in white tasseled green bunting and from each electric fixture hung a basket of roses. The large windows were screened with white with an overhanging of green, which were the prevailing colors of the party. On each window was placed a large globe lamp lighted by electricity and the blank space between windows was filled in with oval shaped mirrors.

The undertaking was an extensive one and tested the skill of Decorator Young, who had able assistance from James Flood, chairman of the decorating committee. On all sides came words of surprise and admiration. The friends of the Y. M. C. I. went to the hall expecting to witness something elaborate in the decorative line, but they were not prepared for the treat the young men offered, and their surprise was all the more pleasant and agreeable. The march was the regular military one, though somewhat prolonged, and the scene from the gallery as the young marchers circled the hall was one to be remembered. The costumes of the young ladies were exquisite and marching side by side with their gallant young escorts in full evening dress they attracted unusual attention from the galleries.

The grand march was formed in the reception room, Floor Marshal Walter F. King and Miss Etta King leading. Miss King wore white chiffon over white silk. Following the floor marshal and lady were the following named: Assistant Floor Marshal William J. McLaughlin and Miss Frances Gannon of North Billerica, white silk; Mayor Chas. E. Howe and Mrs. Howe, white chiffon over white silk; Chief Aid John B. Boulger and Miss Kittie Murray, white silk muslin over white silk; General Manager John H. McCaffrey and Miss Emily Gilbride of Boston, steel colored silk; Assistant General Manager Thomas J. Ahearn and Miss Nellie Miron, white silk; Mr. Terence Leonard and Miss Katherine Donohue, pink silk with natural lace trimmings; Mr. Terence E. Flood and Miss Ella Cogger, chiffon over pink silk; Mr. John T. Buckley and Miss Margaret Powers, blue silk muslin over white silk; Mr. Arthur F. McQuaid and Miss Sadie Gilbride, white chiffon; Mr. Walter Foye and Miss Etta Foye, green silk; Mr. Christopher McSorley and Miss Kittie Bushnell, pink crepe de chine and pearls; Mr. Daniel McQuade and Miss Mabel Walsh, white muslin, ribbon trimmings and chiffon; Mr. Eugene Queenan and Miss Belle McCarthy, white silk; Mr. Joseph Cooney and Miss Mabel Lee, pink muslin; Mr. Martin Calnan and Mrs. Calnan, black and white silk with jet trimmings; Mr. John J. Kelleher and Miss May Kelleher, white chiffon with pearl trimmings; Mr. William M. Clarke and Miss Elizabeth F. Rawley, pink silk; Mr. James A. Finnerty and Miss Katherine Kelley, gray silk voile; Mr. Frank P. McGilley and Miss Madeline Crevier, white silk; Mr. William O'Connell and Miss Edith Farrington, pink silk; Mr. Frank Burns and Miss Linda Fee, pink crepe de chine; Mr. Thomas O'Donnell and Miss Bridget Smith, white muslin and ribbon trimmings; Mr. Alfred J. Cooney and Miss Annie Cooney, white silk; Mr. James J. Flanagan and Miss Eva Curtin, white nun's veiling; Mr. John B. McMinimon and Miss James, white silk mousseline; William D. Raygan and Miss A. Grace Burry; Edward F. Quinlan and Miss Grennan, Frank J. Higgins and Miss Lillian Rogers; Thomas Slowey and Miss Julia Cronin; George Murphy and Miss Mary Danahy; Edward J. Cahill and Miss Gertrude Lyons; John J. Sullivan and Miss Katherine L. McKeon; Leonard Swallow and Miss Blanche Whitcher, and others.

After the march came the circle and then the regular order of 18 engagements, with extras, was danced. At midnight the supper was served in Jackson hall and then dancing was resumed and continued until 2 o'clock this morning.

The officers of the ball were: General manager, John H. McCaffrey; assistant, Thomas J. Ahearn; floor marshal, Walter F. King; assistant, William T. McLaughlin; chief aid, John B. Boulger.

Aids—Terrence E. Flood, Terrence D. Leonard, Arthur F. McQuaid, Joseph P. Cooney, Daniel E. McQuade, John B. McMenimon, John T. Buckley, Francis A. Burns, Frank P. McGilley, Martin Calnan, William M. Clark, Alfred J. Cooney, James H Flannagan, John J. Kelleher, Joseph C. McCarron, Christopher J. McSorley, Eugene C. Queenan, George H. Willett, J. Walter Foye, Charles C. Burns.

Reception committee—James E. Burns, chairman; James H. Flood, George E. Clark, John A. O'Connor, James J. Healey, William H. McCarron, John J. Flannagan, John J. King, William F. Flannagan, Charles A. King, Martin F. Conley, Michael J. Finley, Daniel J. O'Brien, Daniel E. Hogan, Thomas J. O'Hare, Thomas M. Welch, Thomas L. Smith, John F. Martin, Arthur J. McQuaid, Thomas J. Beane, Joseph F. Burns, Edward D. Quinlan.

The officers of the ball committee were: Patrick J. Mooney, chairman; James J. Finnerty, secretary; John T. McLaughlin, treasurer. Following are the sub-committees:—

Music—Walter F. King, John Flanagan, Terrance Leonard, John Buckley, William McLaughlin.

Decorating—James H. Flood, Thomas O'Hare, James Healey, James Burns, Thomas Ahearn.

Printing—James Finnerty, Daniel Hogan, Patrick J. Mooney, Martin Calnin, John McLaughlin.

Catering—Al Cooney, Thomas Smith, Thomas Kelley, John Martin, Arthur J. McQuaid.

Badges—William McCarron, Gene Queenan, Christopher McSorley, Harry Finley, John B. Boulger.

Tickets—Charles King, William Clark, Francis McGilly, Joseph McCarron, John McCaffrey.

THE BIGGEST MAGAZINE IN THE WORLD

The Popular Magazine For March

Out to-day, contains the first of a series of notable stories by famous authors of Adventure Fiction. It is entitled

The Eternal Snare

By ARTHUR W. MARCHMONT, author of "When I Was Czar," "By Right of Sword," etc.

In addition, this number will also contain the opening chapters of

O'Rourke, Gentleman Adventurer

By LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

a fascinating story of the new Saharan Empire created by M. Lobaudy of Paris, and

Fourteen Other Stories, Equally Interesting

ON SALE EVERYWHERE

A MONTH'S ENTERTAINMENT FOR 10 Cents

FIRE CHECKED

THE LOSS IS PLACED AT $350,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The fire which started early today in a building owned by the Wilce Lumber Co., and occupied by the Chicago Table company, was communicated to the lumber yard of H. C. Schultz on Throp street, but the firemen succeeded in checking its spread. The plants of the Chicago Table company, the Chicago Picture Backing company and F. Wintermeyer company, were destroyed entailing losses estimated at $350,000. Seven firemen were hurt, one fatally.

O'DONNELL & GILBRIDE CO.

THE GLOVE COUNTER

—IN—

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Will be an attractive place for bargain seekers the balance of the week. There is not a particle of damage to this stock but the selling of the past week has broken up the size assortments of several of our lines. Consequently we propose by ridiculously low price offerings to clean up odds and ends, and shape ourselves for the reception of new lines for the Easter trade.

At 5c a Pair

You will find great picking from a lot containing about 75 dozen Infants' Mittens; good range of colors.

7c a Pair

Is the price that we have made on a lot of Misses' Black Mittens that even at this late day would ordinarily be thought cheap at twice the price.

At 19c a Pair

We have several baskets filled with Ladies' Cashmere Gloves that formerly sold at 29c and 39c a pair.

At 21c a Pair

We have a quantity of Ladies' Black Kid Gloves (sizes 5½ or 5¾ only), Suede or Glace Gloves, regular value $1.00 and $1.25.

At 49c a Pair

You will find great picking. Cashmere and French Wool Gloves in beaver, black or gray, that formerly sold at 75c and $1.00 a pair. Ladies' Silk Evening Gloves, 12 and 16 button lengths, black, white or fancy colors together with several other odds and ends that originally sold for double the price.

At 59c a Pair

This lot is particularly strong and contains Ladies' Red Lined Mocha Gloves, sizes 6, 6¼, 6½. Also Ladies' Suedes, White Glace with black embroidery oak, pearl, blue, green, black or red (small sizes only). Also Boys' Lined Kid Gloves in Mocha, together with several other lines to be added this morning. The regular prices of the above were from $1.00 to $1.50 a pair.

THAT BASEMENT OF OURS

Here is where we are creating havoc with prices. We are obliged to because we must clear out this stock quickly as we need this room for other lines of merchandise. Bric-a-Brac, Fancy China, Lamps, Glass Ware, Silverware, Tea or Dinner Ware at half and sometimes less than half their regular prices.

O'DONNELL & GILBRIDE CO.

FOR THE NEW HOME

Mr. Ayer Sends $25,000 to the Y. W. C. A.

A special meeting of the Young Women's Christian association trustees was held yesterday at which Miss Kitson presented and read the following letters, which explain themselves, and upon which subsequent action was taken as recorded below.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 9, 1904.

Miss Charlotte P. Kitson:

My Dear Miss Kitson: I take very great pleasure in transmitting this letter, with check for $25,000 enclosed, from Mr. Frederick Fanning Ayer of New York city. It may not be improper for me to say that Mr. Ayer has made a somewhat careful study of the revised plans for the contemplated new building for the Young Women's Christian association, and shows his approval of them by adding to his former splendid contribution of $40,000 this additional gift of $25,000, which will be sufficient to complete the new home in accordance with the revised plans. Permit me to extend to you and your co-workers in this noble charity my hearty congratulations for this most substantial evidence of Mr. Ayer's great interest in the work you are doing for the young women of our city; and also my best wishes for a continuance of the success which has attended your institution since its foundation. Yours very truly,

(Signed) JACOB ROGERS.

New York, Feb. 6, 1904.

Jacob Rogers, Esq., Lowell, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rogers: Understanding that the Young Women's Christian association will require $25,000 additional funds to complete its new building in John street, in accordance with the revised plans, I enclose my check for that amount which I will ask you to present to Miss Kitson for the association, said money to be used for the construction of the new building in John street in accordance with the revised plans which I have approved.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) FREDERICK F. AYER.

After the reading of these letters, on motion of Mrs. Stowell, the following resolutions were unanimously passed amid great enthusiasm:

Resolved: That the trustees and directors of the Young Women's Christian association find it difficult to select words which will fitly express their profound gratitude to Frederick Fanning Ayer, Esq., of New York city for his second splendid gift of $25,000, which, added to his recent gift of $40,000, makes the great sum of $65,000, and which will enable us to fully construct the building now under contemplation; and which will not only prove an ornament to our city but will be so admirably adapted to the wants of our association.

Resolved: That when this building, made possible by Mr. Ayer's great generosity, is completed we shall be enabled to greatly enlarge the scope of our work. And it will be our constant endeavor to so conduct this so greatly needed charity as to convince our generous donor that his money has not been unwisely bestowed.

Resolved: That we proceed with the construction of the building as rapidly as is consistent with strict economy, to the end that we may as soon as possible be in condition to greatly increase the beneficent work which we are striving to do.

It is perhaps unnecessary to say that this letter of Mr. Ayer's came as a great surprise and the trustees were overwhelmed with pleasure at the certainty that their dreams of a new and splendid building were now about to be realized.

CIRCULATION COUNTS . . . .

In estimating the cost of advertising, remember that circulation is what counts. When a paper with one-half or one-third the circulation of The Sun asks Sun rates for advertising space, you can readily see how cheap our rates really are.

The real cost of advertising is not the rate per inch, but the rate per inch per thousand of circulation.

LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Character of the Great Statesman

DESCRIBED AT THE EDUCATIONAL CLUB

Interesting Paper by Mrs. W. D. Hilt

Mrs. W. D. Hilt read a paper upon Abraham Lincoln before the Educational club yesterday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended. Mrs. Hilt said in part:

Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, and he died April 14, 1865. He was not a type—he stands alone. He had the advantage of living in a new country—a country of social equality and of personal freedom, and he saw in the horizon of his country's future, the perpetual star of hope. He preserved his individuality and his self-respect. He knew, and mingled with men of every class. He was familiar with nature, with actual things, with common facts. Lincoln never finished his education, but to the day of his death was a seeker after knowledge. He was a many sided man, acquainted with smiles and tears, complex in brain, single in heart. His words were as candid as mirrors, for they gave the perfect image of his thoughts. No man had keener wit, or kindlier humor. He was a master of the story teller's art. In illustration he was apt, in application perfect. In speech he was liberal, yet using no word which could be misinterpreted. He was an orator, clear, sincere, natural. If one wishes to know the difference between oratory and eloquence, between what is felt and what is said, between what the heart and brain can do together, and what the brain can do alone, he should read Lincoln's wondrous words at Gettysburg, and then the speech of Edward Everett upon the same subject.

Lincoln cared nothing for position, but everything for principle—nothing for money, but everything for independence. He knew slavery had defenders, but no defense, and that they who attack the right must wound themselves. With him men were neither great nor small—they were right or wrong. Nothing discloses real character like the use of power. If you wish to know what a man is, give him power, this is the supreme test. It was the glory of Lincoln that having almost absolute power he never abused it, except upon the side of mercy. Wealth could not purchase, power could not awe this loving man; he knew no fear except the fear of doing wrong. Hating slavery, pitying the masters, seeking to conquer not persons but prejudices, he was the embodiment of self-denial and courage. He spoke not to inflame, nor to upbraid, but to convince. He longed to pardon. He loved to see the smiles of joy on the faces of those he had rescued from bondage. Lincoln was the grandest of figures of the fiercest of civil wars. Every heart cherishes and reveres his memory. Mrs. Hilt read a favorite poem of Mr. Lincoln's, "O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud." Miss Hill read Lincoln's Gettysburg oration and she gave Edward Everett's comments on the speech, which were: "I would have given more to have written those 20 lines than for all the fame the nation could bestow upon me."

After the singing of America Mrs. H. S. Whiteside read an account of the work of the second Betsey Ross, who has recently made the flag for Panama. Mrs. W. H. Pepin invited the club to meet at her home, 442 East Merrimack street, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23, when the entertainment will take the form of a Lady Washington tea.

TERRIBLE DEFEAT

Manchester Team Was Turned Down by Lynn

HARRY HOUGH WAS ON HIS METTLE

Hudson Took a Game From Haverhill

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 10.—The Manchesters got their worst defeat of the season last night at basket ball in a game with the Lynn team in Mechanics' hall. Harry Hough, the famous basket thrower of Pennsylvania, was pitted against Capt. Qualey, and completely outclassed the Manchester captain, rolling up a score of nine baskets.

Each of the Lynn players had the better of his opponent in all departments of the game, their shooting for the basket being the fastest and most accurate ever seen in this city.

Healy and Donnelly did the best work for the home team, and Lynch, who succeeded Qualey in the third period, held Hough down to a single basket. The summary:

LYNN		MANCHESTER
Fogarty lf	rb	Donnelly
Hough rf	lb	Qualey
	lb	Lynch
Mulliner c	c	Healy
Mayhaw lb	rf	Reagan
Kinkaide rb	lf	Devlin

Score, Lynn 60, Manchester 38. Goals from floor, Fogarty 5, Hough 10, Mulliner 8, Mayhaw 3, Kinkaide 3, Donnelly 6, Healy 5, Reagan, Devlin 2, Lynch 2. Points from fouls, Lynn 2, Manchester. Fouls, Fogarty, Mulliner, Mayhaw, Kinkaide, Donnelly, Qualey, Healy 3, Reagan 2, Referee, J. H. Tirney. Timekeepers, Goodnow and Connolly. Attendance, 800.

HUDSON 34, HAVERHILL 31.

HUDSON, Feb. 10.—In the opera house last evening Hudson defeated Haverhill in a closely-contested, three-period match in the New England league. The match was interesting and exciting throughout. At the end of the first period Hudson led, but the end of the second found Haverhill in front. Hudson finally won by a score of 34 to 31. The summary:

HUDSON		HAVERHILL
Leighton rf	lb	Kelliher
Kennedy lf	rb	Doyle
Luce c	c	Wachter
Corcoran rb	lf	Moran
Evers lb	rf	Lynch
Haggerty lb	rf	Harrington

Score, Hudson 34, Haverhill 31. Goals from floor, Leighton 5, Moran 4, Kennedy 3, Corcoran 3, Wachter 3, Doyle 3, Haggerty, Evers, Kelliher, Lynch, Harrington. Goals from fouls, Hudson 8, Haverhill 5. Referee, Bradley. Scorer, Clark. Timer, Regan. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 400.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Getzinger will be with us Friday night and then all will be lovely.

Tom Ed Smith is not a bit downcast. They'll come yet, says Tom.

Natick will play here Friday night, and the home team hopes to score another victory over Hoey's boys.

The champion ticket taker has made a shift. Eddie joined the Mathews when the Burkes disbanded and he's the happiest man in town. "I'm in the game with Gene Crane now," said Eddie to all his friends who went to the game Monday night.

PERSONALS

Rev. Frederick I. Kelley of Dracut preached at Sayersville, R. I., Sunday.

Mrs. Robert A. Smith is quite sick with appendicitis at her home in Humphshire street.

Miss Blanche Culver Matthews of South Manchester, N. H., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Culver in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Warley of North Chelmsford are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Helen A. Whittier addressed the Danvers Women's association yesterday afternoon on "Evolution of the Gothic Cathedral."

Born in Worcester, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Draper, a daughter. Mrs. Draper was formerly Miss Lillian Phelps of this city.

WHIST PARTY.

Last evening a delightful pit and whist party was held at the home of Mr. Charles H. Snowman, the grocer of Lincoln square. A large number of Mr. Snowman's relatives and friends was present and the evening passed pleasantly. During the evening refreshments were served and a fine musical program was carried out.

In the games, Miss Jeanette Snowman won first prize, while Mr. Ray Clifford took second.

WAS DRIVEN AWAY

Steamer New York Was Fired On

A DOMINICAN GUNBOAT FOLLOWED HER

Wbs Not Allowed to Land Goods

MONTE CRISTI, Republic of Santo Domingo, Saturday, Feb. 6.—The Clyde line steamer New York, from New York Jan. 30, arrived here this morning, followed by the Dominican gunboat Presidente.

Lighters were sent alongside the New York to bring ashore some ammunition which formed part of her cargo. When the lighters had nearly reached the steamer the gunboat fired on them and the revolutionists on shore replied with cannon and muskets.

The New York, being in danger, left Monte Cristi for Porto Plata. The firing continued for half an hour, after which the gunboat sailed for Porto Plata. She was hit twice by round shot and apparently by hundreds of bullets, for she stopped and lowered boats, evidently to plug the holes made in her hull.

The failure to land the ammunition is a serious blow to General Jiminez, for whom it was intended, and may cause him to lose the ground he had already gained. An attack on Santiago de los Caballeros has been fixed for Sunday.

The German steamer Alternburg was here on Monday. The revolutionists did not permit her to discharge cargo at this port.

FOUR EPILEPTICS

REMOVED FROM CITY FARM TO STATE HOSPITAL.

Four epileptic patients at the city farm will be removed to the state hospital at Munson, Mass., this week, where they will receive special treatment. The transfer is in line with the new order which gives the state charge of such cases and is a benefit both to the city and the patients themselves.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT HELD LAST EVENING.

Outside talent appeared at the concert at the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening and the entertainment was one of the best of the season.

There were songs by Miss Mary Munroe, Miss Nano M. Gallagher, Jas. E. Donnelly and Joseph F. Murphy, readings by William F. Thornton and piano solos by George Wiley.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

GIVEN IN COLONIAL HALL LAST EVENING.

The Siegel-Myers-Caveny concert company gave a delightful entertainment in Colonial hall last evening and entertained a large audience. The three performers making up the company are a talented trio and furnished a finely varied program. Mr. Samuel Siegel is a master of the mandolin. Mr. Hyman Myers musician-humorist, was Italian grand opera, and his "Chicken Patti." Mr. Frank Caveny, cartoonist Patti." Mr. Frank Caveny, cartonist and recitationist, is a lightning sketch artist and illustrated his pieces as he recited them. Each number on the program was finely rendered and recalls were frequent.

HIS TRAVELS

STORIES OF "THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN."

The attraction at the Young Men's Christian association, last evening, was a lecture on "The Land of the Midnight Sun" by Hon. Asa C. Russell. A great many ladies were present and the attendance was the largest since the membership entertainments were started.

Mr. Russell's story of his travels and experiences was decidedly interesting and the audience was a very attentive one.

BOARD OF HEALTH

HELD A BUSINESS MEETING YESTERDAY.

The board of health held a short session yesterday and touched upon the gas nuisance. Agent Knapp reported for the inspectors that several business firms exhaust their steam into the city sewer pipes, as claimed by Mr. Dunbar. More time was asked for the investigations, it being the opinion of Mr. Knapp that two weeks would be needed to look over all the manufacturing establishments in Lowell.

BETTER SERVICE

WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE CHELMSFORD LINE.

The recent kicks at the poor service of the local division of the Boston & Northern street railway on the Chelmsford street line has led the officials of the road to make an effort to remedy the evils and give the patrons of that road better service. The road is now repairing the bonding, which was one of the defects on the line, and new trolley wire is being strung. Cars with four motors are to replace those with two and better time can be made on the line.

As soon as the frost leaves the ground the road will be rebuilt.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Lowell General Hospital Aid association was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Ida Stevens, 244 Stevens street, and was largely attended. The monthly reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted, and the ladies accomplished a large amount of sewing for the hospital. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The March meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Amanda A. Entwistle 48 Highland street.

Mr. Quinn of the firm of Bornstein & Quinn, has recovered from the injuries received during recent fire at his store, 118 Gorham street, and announces that the big fire, smoke and water sale will open Friday morning.

JOBS FOR STAMPS

Scheme of a Concern in in Lynn

THE POSTAL INSPECTORS MAKE INVESTIGATION

Mail Addressed to Agency Held Up

LYNN, Feb. 10.—The "New England Agency of Employment" which has headquarters in the Currier building, Union street, is in trouble with the United States authorities, and postoffice inspectors are investigating the charges made against the concern.

In the meantime it is understood the mail addressed to the agency has been held up, pending the result of the action of the Washington authorities, and none of the persons interested in the concern were at the office yesterday afternoon.

The agency advertised to endeavor to secure employment for persons at St. Louis during the world's fair, either in the city, suburbs or in the exposition, and judging from the number of letters received, there are many thousands who desire to go to the fair with little or no expense attached.

The government has stepped in because six two-cent stamps were asked to place the name of the applicant on the files, and thus far the inspectors say they have been unable to find where any jobs have been received. Application will be made for a fraud order, it is said, and an effort made to prohibit the concern from using the mails.

Hundreds of complaints have been received at the local postoffice and by the United States inspectors against the concern, while many persons in this city have been appealed to by friends at a distance to investigate and ascertain if the concern was reliable.

From 500 to 1000 letters have been received daily, it is stated, during the past month, but the blow came yesterday when no mail was delivered, notwithstanding the vigorous protest of a man who said his name was H. Roberts and the proprietor of the agency.

The postoffice authorities brand the scheme as a clever way to get stamps and say that hundreds of people, particularly in New England, New York and Pennsylvania, have filed their names with the concern in the hopes of getting good situations during the fair.

Yesterday a reporter called at the office, finding the place after considerable difficulty, as none of the other occupants of the office building knew of the existence of the agency. A man who said he was not Mr. Roberts was present and he said Mr. Roberts had gone to Washington to see about the affair.

Mr. Roberts had an office in another room, he said, and on the door of this office indicated there was no sign. It was locked and the elevator boy volunteered the information that all business with the agency was done by mail.

Maine and New Hampshire have been prolific fields for the agency. The suggestion of free railroad transportation has evidently appealed to many persons who would like to view the buildings and exhibits at the fair, and they have willingly sent along their stamps.

Many of the letters have come from young women on farms who desired to become waitresses or serve in stores, and had longed for an opportunity to visit the fair at little or no expense. Men have applied for almost every conceivable position from manager to gardener.

DISABLED CAR

ON NASHUA LINE DELAYED LOWELL PASSENGERS.

An accident on the Nashua line last night made it disagreeable for some of the people who were coming to this city. A car which was due in Nashua at 10 o'clock was disabled about a mile this side of Lakeview by the breaking of the brake chain. The conductor of the disabled car had to walk to Lakeview, where the incoming car was waiting on the turnout, and word was then telephoned to this city.

The disabled car was then pulled to Lakeview and the passengers were transferred to the car which was coming to Lowell and the latter returned to Nashua. A car was then sent from this city to bring the Lowell passengers here. It was about 2 o'clock this morning when the stranded passengers arrived in the square.

RESULTED IN A DRAW.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The wrestling match, catch as catch can, between Jack Munroe and Gus Ruhlin before the Criterion Athletic club last night, resulted in a draw at the end of an hour and fifteen minutes. Neither men secured a fall.

DRASTIC STEPS

To End Anarchy in San Domingo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Drastic measures will be taken by this government to end the anarchy in San Domingo. Continued violation of international law, destruction of American property and disregard of foreign interests has convinced officials that affairs there can be best improved by force. Its handling has been turned over to the navy and Secretary Moody sent, last night, supplementary instructions to Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron now in Dominican waters, giving him wide latitude in the course he is to follow. Rear Admiral Wise has been told in a word to protect by force American interests and to deal with each on its own merits. The reports received from the island show, as an official expressed it last night, that the affairs are "semi-barbaric."

The question was one of the features of the cabinet meeting yesterday and at the close of the discussion it was decided the best solution of the problem was to turn affairs over to the navy.

WOMAN LAUGHED

WHEN SHE HEARD DETAILS OF MURDER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—Mrs. Catharine Fay, 21 years old, of Newark, N. J., was put on trial there yesterday for the alleged murder of her three-year-old niece, Marie C. Conning. She shocked the dignified chief justice of New Jersey and horrified lawyers and spectators by laughing outright as she listened to the details of her alleged crime from the lips of witnesses.

The alleged murderess seemed not to understand her position. She smiled and nodded gayly to acquaintances in the court room, joked about the most serious incidents of the trial, and when the case was adjourned for the day and she was being led back to the Newark jail, she loudly asked: "Is my automobile ready for me?"

Little Marie Conning died the night of last Nov. 27. She was found at the foot of a stairway in a dark hall in the house of 10 McWhorton street, Newark, where the Rays lived. The body had more than a hundred cuts and bruises on it. Neighbors and the police charged that Mrs. Ray had beaten and ill treated the child, and the post mortem examination showed death was due to the treatment Marie had suffered. All the circumstances pointed to Mrs. Ray as the one responsible for the death of the child.

SENT TO HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—In the superior court yesterday afternoon, William W. Bartlett and Peter Rasmussan, two members of the Seamen's union, were committed to the house of correction for one month and fined $50 each, for having boarded the schooner Addie M. Lawrence, lying in the harbor, and inducing two non-union sailors to leave the schooner.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at Goodale's drug store, 217 Central St., Lowell.

INTERESTING SESSION

HELD BY MATHEWS LAST NIGHT.

The regular meeting of the Mathew Temperance Institute was held last night and considerable business of importance was transacted. Vice-President John V. Donoghue occupied the chair and twenty-five propositions for membership were received while eight new members were admitted. A report was read from the committee recently appointed to make arrangements for the unveiling of the memorial tablet, and the tablet will be unveiled on the 6th of March at 2.30 o'clock. A prominent speaker will deliver an address.

Belasco's comedy drama "Charity Ball," which will be presented by the dramatic society of the Mathews on the fourth of May will be one of the most artistic entertainments of this kind ever attempted in this city, as it consists of talented young people and as their efforts in the past have met with much success there is little doubt that the "Charity Ball" will be a grand success.

The contest for floor marshal for the Easter Monday ball grows interesting as time passes and the several candidates are working hard for the position. The candidates are Arthur A. McQuade, Napoleon P. Provencher, John J. Dolan, William J. Collins and M. J. Lawn. The election takes place the last Tuesday evening in February.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last night was held the regular meeting of Greenhalge council, 100, Loyal Association, and besides the regular business of the evening the session was marked by the presentation of past counsellor's jewels to Bros. John S. Chandler and George S. Fenderson for earnest and faithful work performed as presiding officers. After the meeting a generous collation was served and a social hour was spent.

Tonight Rochambeau council is to hold its third class initiation at their hall, 100 Middle street. Since the fire which destroyed several of their robes new ones have been procured and the degree staff has added several new features to their floor work. Grand Vice Regent Foye of Lynn will be present as well as many other visitors from in and out of town.

The entertainment committee of Highland Council will run a series of whist parties at regular meetings of the council, the first one to be held tomorrow night. Seven prizes will be given for total scores for the series and the hooby prizes will be given to members only who play the whole series. The members of other councils are invited to compete for the prizes.

The regular meeting of the Cercle d'Youville, Companions of the Forest, was held last night in St. Joseph's hall on Dutton street and much business of importance was transacted. The contest for the member selling the most tickets at a recent party was won by Miss Albina Bourgeois, the prize being a $25 gold watch. The second prize, $2.50 in gold, was won by Mr. Maurice H. Noval. The other prize winners and prizes were as follows:

First, a hat, John Vlapas; second, chair, B. White, Worcester; third prize, umbrella, Miss Lizzie Bedell; fourth prize, shoes, F. X. Dostaler; fifth, shirtwaist, Miss J. Trudeau; sixth, lamp, T. E. Conley, Worcester; seventh, jardiniere, Mrs. Sullivan, Mt. Vernon street; eighth, dozen of photographs, Miss Mary Cass; ninth, perfume, Sam Squires, Waterbury; tenth, bust, Miss Philomene Lantagne.

The contest committee consisted of the following members: Miss Cordelia Guertin, president; Joseph Dextra, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Lemieux, secretary; Miss Alexina Boule, Miss Rose Dextra, Miss Elise Landry, Miss Marie Louise Gervais.

TEAMSTER ARRESTED

IS CHARGED WITH THE BEDFORD MURDER.

BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 10—James McDonald, the teamster who testified before the board of inquiry in the Bedford murder mystery has been arrested, charged with the murder and will be taken to Jeffersonville.

BRANCH IN BOSTON

OF THE NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—In response to a call signed by Charles Francis Adams and forty other representative business men of this city, a meeting was held last night at the Exchange club, at which it was voted to form a branch of the National Civic Federation. It was decided that the organization should not be strictly local in its scope, but should be extended throughout New England in order that the textile and other important interests may be given representation.

Major Henry L. Higginson presided, Ralph Eustis, secretary of the National Civic Federation was present and told of the work of that body.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

A series of revival services which will continue the remainder of the week, Saturday night excepted, were begun last evening in the First Congregational church. Rev. S. T. Ford, D. D., was the speaker, and he was most convincing and successful, several rising in promise to lead better lives. This evening the Rev. George E. Lovejoy of Lawrence will be the speaker; Rev. Dr. Martin of the Kirk Street church will speak Thursday evening and on Friday night Rev. S. D. Millin of the Mt. Vernon church will conduct the service.

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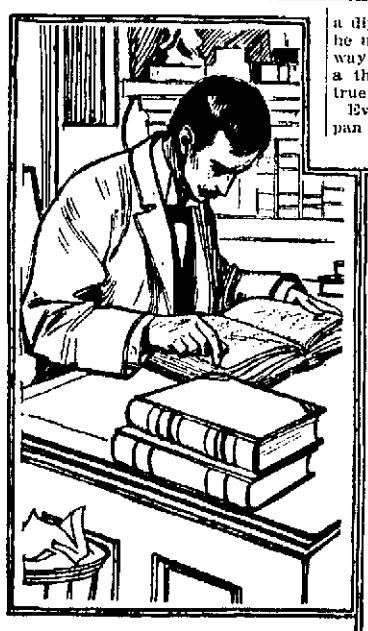
Baron Komura, the Man of the Hour In Japan

If a history could be written of the diplomatic wars, of the battles lost and won behind closed doors, the world would come to understand that not all great generals bear military titles. The man who has handled the Japanese end of the imbroglio in the far east has revealed himself to be no mean tactician. Pitted against the trained and secretive diplomats of Russia, with the veteran Lamsdorff at their head, this comparatively youthful Jap has shown himself their equal and, if he originated the American and Japanese treaties with China in Manchuria, their superior.

Jutaro Komura, the present Japanese minister of foreign affairs, received most of his education in America. After completing the regular literary course in one of the home universities he entered the Harvard Law school in 1875 when little past twenty and graduated in 1877, being the first Jap to take a degree from that university. He then spent another year at Harvard in postgraduate work, principally in the study of international law. He next went to New York and entered the law office of ex-Attorney General Davenport, where he spent another year in the study of international law. Still he was not satisfied. Going to Rochester, he entered the law office of ex-Commissioner Smith of the court of claims, then legal adviser of Japan, where he took yet another year's work in international law. Thus he had spent five years in America, especially fitting himself for the career he was to follow. There is a story to the effect that he had shown himself a first rate diplomat while still in his teens in his native land and that his American education was provided at the expense of his government.

Returning to Japan by way of Europe, where he spent a few months in further study, young Komura at first entered the judiciary department of the home government. After three years here he was transferred to the foreign office, where he began at the bottom of consular positions and worked his way up. In 1894 he had reached the important post of secretary of legation at Peking and was acting minister on the eve of the outbreak of the China-Japanese war. It thus fell upon him to close diplomatic relations, close the legation and bear the flag of Japan back to Tokyo.

At the close of the war Mr. Komura was thrown into the middle of things in Manchuria, being made civil governor of the recently captured province of Antung. But through the interference of the powers Russia succeeded in taking the spoils of war that Japan had won, Antung going with the rest. Again returning to Tokyo, Komura was honored by the mikado with the decoration of the third order of the



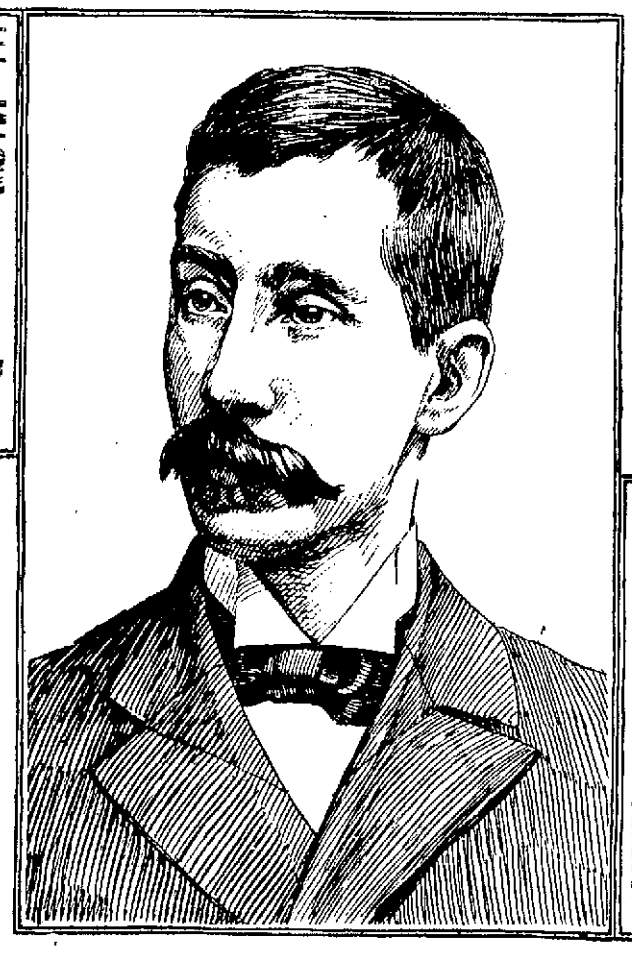
STUDYING LAW IN AMERICA.

Sacred Treasure, and almost at once was sent as special commissioner and afterward as minister resident to Korea. This was the most important position he had yet held, as even then there was a diplomatic battle on between Russia and Japan for the control of Korean affairs. When the emperor took refuge in the Russian legation it was through the efforts of the Japanese minister that the foreign representatives signed an agreement and induced the frightened monarch to return to his palace.

Upon his recall to Japan Komura was made, first, a bureau chief in the foreign office and then vice minister of foreign affairs. This position he held until the latter part of 1898, when he was sent as minister to the United States.

The stay at Washington of Baron Komura—for at some time in his interesting career he was made a baron—was only a little over a year, but it was sufficiently long for him to renew old friendships, make new ones, deliver a number of public addresses and receive an LL. D. from Harvard. It was long enough, also, for those with whom he came in contact to learn thoroughly to like him. They found him affable, frank, cultured, unassuming, but keen, careful and capable. He was especially popular with newspaper men, for he was always free to talk, but enough of a diplomat never to say anything that he needed to take back or that in any way could involve him or his country, a thing that unhappily has not been true of all ministers.

Even in 1900 the tension between Japan and Russia was being drawn tighter than was entirely comfortable, and in February of that year affairs had reached a state that required a master diplomat to represent Japanese interests at St. Petersburg. Komura was chosen for the post. After a time the Boxer uprising came along, and there was need of a strong man as Japanese minister to China. Komura was called for that. Then in September, 1901, a new cabinet was formed in Japan. The long brewing conflict with Russia was taking form. The contest was still in the diplomatic stage, but in that field superior generalship was required. On the head of the foreign office would depend the fate of Japan in this fierce, though bloodless, conflict. There was one man who had all the qualifications for the place. If his career had been especially designed to this end it could not have better fitted him for the position. He had been in actual physical contact with every country involved—China, Korea, Manchuria and Russia. He had been given a five years' course in international law in America, supplemented by a year as minister to that country. He had held almost every post in the foreign office up to and including that of vice head. Step by step he had been intrusted with more and more trying positions. He had failed in none. What wonder that all eyes turned to Komura and that he has become the man of the hour in Japan!



BARON JUTARO KOMURA.



ABANDONING JAPANESE LEGATION AT PEKING.

It is difficult to measure the requirements of the position in which the practical head of the Japanese cabinet has been placed in the negotiations of the past two years. There was not only the outside problem to be met, but the inside one as well, for the Japs are an impulsive people, and they are in a patriotic fervor for war. It has been Baron Komura's effort to maintain peace, at least until the army and navy of his country could be prepared for the mighty and apparently unequal struggle. Komura knew and knows the strength of Russia. His eyes and ears were open during the time spent as representative to her capital. He has not been deceived by the cry that the Japs could whip her as they whipped China. But holding off a hotheaded and indignant people from war is no pleasant or easy task, especially when that people lives in the orient, where assassinations are frequent and where neither an official's ability nor his popularity shields him from the bullet or knife of some overzealous patriot. There has not lacked ground for just this fear in Komura's case. In fact, threats have been openly made against his life. The easy thing in such a case would have been to let the people have their way and plunge the nation into war. A less conscientious man would have had little trouble to excuse such a course. It would have been the popular thing to do; would, indeed, have made him the national hero for the time being. None of these considerations has apparently swayed Komura. Without bluster, but with firmness and dignity, he has held his own against the Russian foreign office, on the one hand, and against the too ardent war shouters of his own land, on the other. One hasty or ill advised step on his part would have precipitated the physical conflict at almost any time, and from the Japanese viewpoint there have existed more than ample grievances to have justified that action. Russia's stealing of the legitimate fruits of Japan's victory over China is not forgotten by the Jap. But Baron Komura has considered it better to err on the side of cautiousness than on the side of rashness. So he has preferred to steer a difficult course between a fire both in the front and in the rear rather than to bring on armed conflict while any other course was possible. Thus has he shown himself to be not only the skilful diplomat, but the conscientious statesman as well.

The master stroke in the negotiations thus far is unquestionably the recent double treaty of Japan and the United States with China opening the door into the capital of Manchuria and two of her Yalu river ports. Is it not entirely probable that this move was engineered by Komura? He had served as minister both at Peking and Washington; hence had formed personal friendships with the diplomats of these two countries. Japan was the nation chiefly concerned, so it is not probable that the suggestion came from either China or America. All indications point to Komura as the originator of the idea, and if he is, that fact marks him as a master of statecraft and as entitled to the diplomatic victory which he has won.

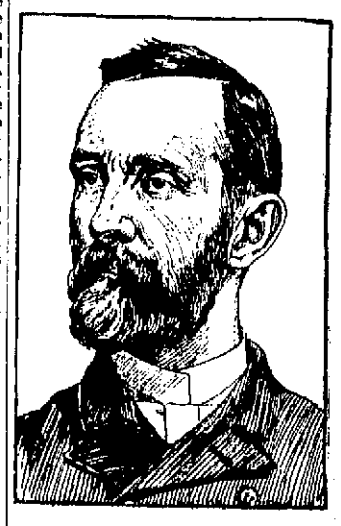
CHANNING A. BARTOW.

HOW SINGERS KEEP IN FORM.

The diet of a singer has to be as carefully considered and limited as that of an athlete in training. Mme. Melba is devoted to sweets, but she never allows herself one. Mme. Nordica confesses to sometimes having a perfectly childish craving for an abundant feast of sweets and pastries, yet she denies herself both. Mme. Patti has sacrificed practically everything to her voice.

A PROMINENT LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

One of the most scholarly and brilliant debaters on the Democratic side of the national house of representatives is David A. De Armond of Missouri. He was born in Pennsylvania fifty-nine years ago and while a young man took up the practice of law at Butler, Mo., his present home. He did not seek political honors, but almost against his will was made state senator, then circuit judge and afterward supreme court commissioner. When he was elected to congress the first time he did not enter the race for the nomination until his opponents had canvassed the district, but in such high esteem was he held that he easily captured the nomination. He is now serving his seventh term as a member of the house. He speaks extemporaneously, but for choice diction, clearness, force and grasp of his subject he has few equals on either side of the chamber. He is now assistant floor leader for the Democrats.



JUDGE DAVID A. DE ARMOND.

OF INTEREST TO BIRD LOVERS.

The story of the first introduction of canaries into Europe has been often told, but it may still interest some to know that the millions of captive canaries in the world are the descendants of a consignment in a ship wrecked 350 years ago off the island of Elba, where they multiplied until their marvelous singing powers caused their capture, till not a bird was left. In their natural state, as they still exist in the Canary and Madeira and other Atlantic islands, the birds are of a grayish green or greenish brown color and are not remarkable for beauty, but they have been known to burst the membrane of their throats in pouring forth their song.

INTERESTING PICTURES GATHERED FROM FAR AND NEAR

MARK TWAIN'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER.



The home life of Samuel M. Clemens, the dean of the college of American humor, is said to be as happy as his own expressions. Mrs. Clemens was a Miss Olivia Langdon of Elmira, N. Y., when she married the then Mississippi river steamboat man, who has since become the foremost humorist of any age. Miss Clemens inherits some of her father's wit, although she says it is hard to be the daughter of a man who has to live up to the public's expectations of a "funny man."

AN EYEWITNESS OF WATERLOO.

At Norwich, England, lives an old lady who is believed to be the only surviving eyewitness of the famous battle of Waterloo. She was born at Beaminster in 1810, hence was five years old at the time of Napoleon's final defeat. Her parents were visiting in Belgium in the vicinity of Waterloo when the battle was fought, and the impression on the child's mind was such that it has never been effaced.



MRS. ELIZABETH WILKENS.

THE TOMB OF CONFUCIUS.

At Ch'ufowhsien, Shangtung, China, stands the tomb of Confucius, the celebrated Chinese philosopher, who died 478 B. C. The precepts of this great teacher have become the basis for much of the Chinese religion; hence this spot is one of the most sacred in the Celestial empire. The illustration is from the only photograph of the tomb in existence.



THE FROST FLOWERS OF ST. MORITZ.

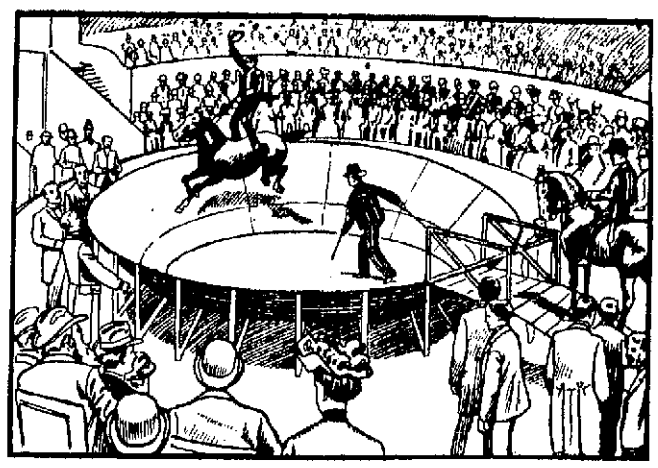


FIRST GROWTH OF THE FLOWERS ON THE ICE.

THE SAME SCENE TWO HOURS LATER.

On the mountain lakes and streams surrounding St. Moritz, in the Engadine, Switzerland, is to be seen a series of very peculiar formations each winter. These are called "frost flowers," the name having been given them by Professor John Tyndall. They are fernlike in their forms of crystallization and are due to the sun's rays falling upon the ice. They ruin the surface of the lakes and rivers for skating. The illustrations are taken from recent photographs made of the peculiar growths, which are in no sense vegetable and are only referred to as "flowers" because of their peculiar resemblance to a field of snow white blossoms.

A NEAT FEAT OF HORSEMANSHIP.



Herewith is depicted a feat in horsemanship that has been thrilling visitors to the great Berlin circus for some little time and which in all likelihood will be seen in this country during the winter. It bears the significant title of "The Cowboy's Ride." So sharp is the ascent of the track around the circle that when at full gallop horse and rider appear to be almost horizontal with the ground. The feat, as is well known, is often performed on a bicycle, but on horseback it is much more difficult since the performer cannot adjust his speed with the nicety possible to the bicyclist.

A FIREPROOF SUIT WHICH IS FIREPROOF.



There have been very many "fireproof" contrivances, theaters among the rest, that but added to the sport of the fire fiend, but the suit shown in the accompanying illustration, which has passed through many tests, has shown itself to be absolutely noninflammable. Over the helmet, which is much like that of a diver, an automatic spray constantly discharges water. On the inside of this helmet is a bag containing oxygen, which makes it possible for the wearer to breathe even in the densest smoke.

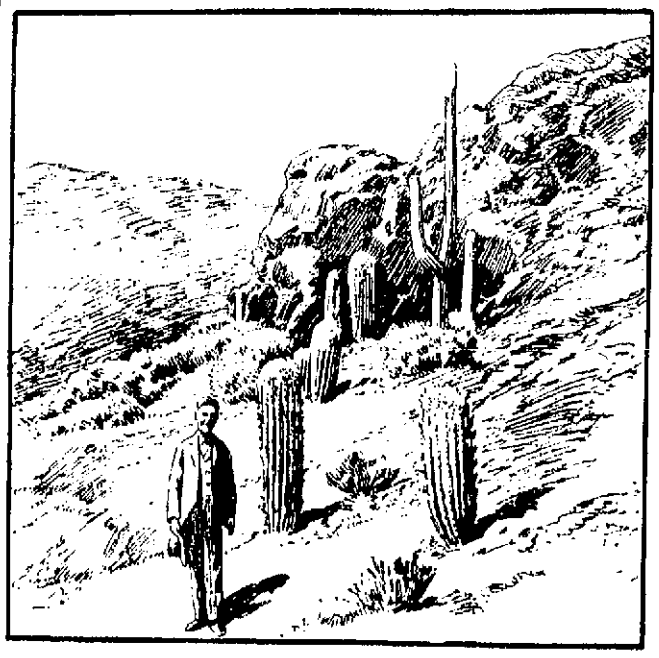
FAMOUS WORK OF ART REPRODUCED.

The famous bust of Washington made by the illustrious French sculptor, David D'Angers, which was destroyed in the burning of the Congressional library in 1857, is to be reproduced in bronze by order of the French government and presented to the American congress. The gift is designed to show the appreciation of the members of the mission which represented France at the recent unveiling of the statue to the Count de Rochambeau in Washington and as an expression of the gratitude of France because of that act. The Washington bust has been made from a plaster cast of the original marble. It will be appropriately received by a joint committee of the two houses of congress, and a suitable site will be selected for it in the capitol.



The average number of visitors in New York city is estimated at 250,000, and their stay is ten days

CACTUS RAISING A NOVEL INDUSTRY.



A unique industry that has been successfully developed in Arizona by Dr. R. E. Kunze, a former New Yorker, is that of raising cactus plants on a large scale. The accompanying illustration gives a view of the farm and of its enterprising owner. Dr. Kunze is primarily a scientist, and it was his love for botany that impelled him to see what could be done in the way of growing unique varieties of the ubiquitous cactus. At first he stocked his farm with every variety of the local plant, but by degrees began to import specimens from distant regions, until today the visitor to the cactus plantation will find all manner of oddities arrayed in a gorgeous color scheme

THE LATEST BALANCING FEAT.

In a play recently presented in this country two clever acrobats from Paris gave a number of rather sensational and startling exhibitions, the most difficult of which is here illustrated. The support resting on the chin of the athlete is not attached to the bicycle, which makes the feat all the more remarkable.



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SUNDAY TRAINS

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Dr. Daniel A. O'Hearn of this city attended a banquet at Boston Monday night tendered by the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters to their medical examiners.

Fred C. Church, Lowell's enterprising insurance agent, has gone to New York and Baltimore in the interest of his many customers.

Aside from his large business in Lowell (the largest agency north of Boston) he also places large lines throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and the west, and while the companies represented at this agency are solid beyond a doubt or question, it is the policy of Mr. Church to make personal and searching investigations at all points. His numerous customers may, therefore, feel assured that their interests are being well watched and cared for.

WRIST FRACTURED

JAMES MADDEN SLIPPED ON THE FLOOR.

James Madden, residing at 146 Meadowcroft street, met with a painful accident while at work at the Massachusetts Mohair plush mill in Western avenue this morning. He was walking across the floor when he slipped and fell, fracturing his right wrist. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his injury was dressed.

WAS HELPLESS

Fire Alarm Saved Patrick Maguire's Life

But for the alarm from box 16 at 4.41 this morning, Patrick Maguire, 60, would have frozen to death in Union street where he was stricken with a shock and lay in the snow conscious but helpless.

Sergt. Freeman, in responding to the alarm, came upon Maguire. He was in the middle of the street and the officer fearful that some of the fire apparatus might come that way carried him to the sidewalk.

Two men who knew Maguire happened along and he was removed to his home at the corner of Cherry and Chapel streets. He is employed as fireman by the Hamilton corporation and was on his way to work when stricken by the shock. He has been in the employ of the Hamilton corporation for years and is a sober and industrious man. Maguire after receiving medical attendance stated that he had been in the street for about ten minutes and had given up all hope of any assistance when the officer arrived. When the alarm rang, he said, he expected that the horses would come that way and run over him.

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RUSSIAN-JAPAN WAR
(Continued.)

JAPAN CRITICIZED FOR MAKING ATTACK

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Japan's initial success in the far east with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur, produced a deep impression both on the people and military and naval critics here. The comment at the marine department was that even temporary disablement of three warships placed the Russians at a great disadvantage in the future operations. It was added that the torpedoing of the enemy's vessels lying under powerful land batteries must have been carried out daringly and skilfully.

The socialist leaders and newspapers take an extreme anti-Russian position in their comments on the war.

The Tageblatt Rundschau, a paper much read by court, military and naval people, asserts in strong terms that Japan disregarded international law in attacking without a declaration of war.

FUNDS FOR JAPAN TO BE RAISED HERE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. Sadauzuchi Uchida, the Japanese consul, presided at a dinner given last night by Japanese merchants of New York in honor of the victory of the imperial naval forces at Port Arthur. A committee was appointed to arrange for the raising of funds by the Japanese in this country in aid of the national cause and for a mass meeting of Japanese here in a few days. It is intended to raise $5,000,000 to be devoted to the regular war loan, to absolute gifts to the imperial government and to the maintenance of the Japanese Red Cross service.

MIDNIGHT ATTACK OF JAPANESE NAVY

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Accounts of the opening battle of the war, received here by the Associated Press, indicate that the Russian naval officials were taken wholly off their guard by the Japanese torpedo attack. They did not expect the Japanese would appear for three or four days or at least until a formal declaration of war had been made. As evening fell but one ship kept up a searchlight which with the lighthouses seemed to be all sufficient as no attack was expected. A few torpedo boats were patrolling in the outer harbor; all the others were within the basin when after eleven o'clock the deep silence was broken by three muffled explosions in quick succession, caused several of the vessels to vibrate violently, the Columbia in particular. Instantly the firing began, the searchlights were turned on, but the enemy could not be located.

At twenty minutes of three, Russian naval officers boarded the Columbia in great excitement, saying the viceroy had ordered the Columbia not to attempt to leave, presumably to prevent the ship from acquainting the Japanese with the extent of the Russian damage.

Daylight revealed two Japanese cruisers on the horizon.

After daybreak a strange apathy seemed to possess the Russians until twenty minutes past eight, when the Russians started in pursuit, going in shore towards Port Dalny. They returned at a quarter past nine without having fired.

It was almost 11 o'clock when the Japanese squadron of 16, including five battleships, appeared in fine order.

At a quarter past eleven there came the first flash from a Japanese vessel and a 12-inche shell landed near the torpedo boats grouped near the entrance of the harbor. The aim was splendid.

Owing to confusion on the part of the quarantine officials, or perhaps because the Russians thought the Japanese would not like to fire near the British flag the Columbia was close to the Russian fleet and in the line of fire and the Japanese shells fell thickly around her; several bursting near by and strewing the deck with splinters and water. The captain of the Columbia then, in spite of the protests of the Russian guards on board, got his vessel out of danger, making full speed for Che Foo.

The bombardment lasted until a quarter of twelve. Three Russian battleships were hit but the extent of the damage could not be ascertained. Apparently no ship on either side was disabled.

The Russian cruiser Novok fought pluckily, keeping closer by far than any other Russian vessel to the Japanese until the heavy fire concentrated on her compelled her to retire on the battleships.

Before action the men on the warships could be seen throwing lumber overboard. The Russian ships constantly wheeled around in the same position while the Japanese kept in battle formation and retired slowly in line to the southward.

The Columbia escaped with a small hole in her after deck.

FRANCE'S POSITION DECIDED UPON

PARIS, Feb. 10.—At a council of ministers yesterday under the presidency of M. Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse communicated the news of the first Japanese attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur, and announced that the French minister at Tokio had been instructed to secure the protection of Russian subjects and their interests in Japan.

The attitude of the French government in view of the war, is now definitely determined upon. France will maintain neutrality under any and all circumstances. The Franco-Russian alliance being construed as not requiring France to intervene in behalf of Russia, even should Great Britain or any other third power intervene in behalf of Japan.

A CRUSHING BLOW DEALT TO RUSSIANS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In a despatch from Chefoo, dated Feb. 9, a correspondent of the Daily Express says:

"The Japanese have dealt the Russians a crushing blow at Port Arthur. An advance squadron of the Japanese fleet under command of Vice Admiral Togo, and comprising sixteen battleships and cruisers, with a numerous torpedo flotilla, left the main fleet off Shan Tung peninsula on Sunday, immediately that the news of the diplomatic rupture became known. This information was conveyed to the Japanese admiral by a destroyer despatched from Tushima Saturday evening.

"The Japanese scouting cruisers had given accurate information of the precarious situation of the Russian fleet outside Port Arthur. The squadron steamed slowly in battle formation Sunday, mid-day, and came within sight of Port Arthur under cover of darkness. It cruised slowly outside without showing lights. The Russians were lying in the roadstead apparently feeling secure from attack. Nearly all the Japanese torpedo boats were sent on their dangerous and daring task. They rushed full steam on the enemy, who were completely surprised. A great battle of small arms greeted the invaders who, however, escaped unhurt and the Retvizan, the Czarevitch and the Pallada were almost immediately torpedoed. The Japanese dashed along the entire line of the Russians, exposed to a terrific fire from machine guns and small arms from both the ships and the shore. There was the utmost consternation among the Russians, which probably accounts for the Japanese torpedo boats escaping unscathed and rejoining the admiral outside. The admiral's fleet, during the attack, kept out of range of the Russian searchlights.

"Line of battle was then formed and the Japanese fleet moved in within a range of 2½ miles and opened fire on the Russians.

"Two large and two small British steamers engaged in the coasting trade, and an American flour ship, the Pleiades, are blocked inside Port Arthur harbor by the disabled battleships, says the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Chefoo, in a despatch dated Tuesday evening. The Russians are endeavoring by pumps and collision mats, he continues, to stop the holes in their battleships in order to take them inside at high water.

JAPANESE SHIPS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo yesterday. It is said the engagement began at 11 a. m. and continued until 3 p. m. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk, the larger one fired and hopelessly disabled. A part of her crew is reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured.

The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged.

Official confirmation of the report is unobtainable.

It was reported Monday that the Russian cruisers Korietz and Variag were lying at Chemulpo and it is possible that they were the vessels reported to have been engaged.

SERIOUS DIFFERENCES IN RUSSIAN CIRCLES

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10—A rigid censorship is exercised on all telegrams from Port Arthur and the public is still completely in the dark as to the result of the fighting there. The report given out by the admiralty yesterday of the sinking of eleven Japanese warships in the far east, traveled over Russia and Europe, and St. Petersburg was besieged by telegrams asking for confirmation. Later in the day, when doubt was cast on the accuracy of this report, public anxiety became more active.

Inquiries for an official statement were met with the response that in accordance with the circular issued last Sunday all official reports would first appear in the Official Messenger. The statement published in London that M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister presented the note from his government on Feb. 5th, is not true. This note was received here on the evening of Feb. 5th, but it was not presented until Feb. 6th.

Serious differences have arisen in high quarters over the command of the Russian land forces in the far east. One faction favors placing both land and sea forces under Viceroy Alexieff, and the generals and other high officers of the army believe that the prestige of General Kuropatkin, the war minister, is essential to achieving success with the land forces, and they therefore urge a division of authority.

In any event, it is understood that Viceroy Alexieff, as the czar's representative in the far east, will have general direction of the operations.

As to the passage of Lake Baikal by train across the ice appears to be too dangerous, the Russian reinforcements will cross the ice on foot and the war material will be transported over a temporary line.

A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Port Arthur says:

"In consequence of Korea's neutrality it is assumed here that Japan will be obliged to withdraw her infantry and artillery from Seoul. Much uneasiness is reported at Seoul owing to the arrival there of Japanese soldiers, who intend to build barracks. The Korean noblemen who have been residing in Japan have received permission to return home."

JAPANESE INFANTRY LANDED IN KOREA

ROME, Feb. 10.—The Patria publishes comment on the first engagement in the far east, supposedly from the pen of Admiral Bettelo, who has twice filled the post of minister of marine. The writer says:

"The result of this first attack is exceptionally grave, and shows that the Russian commander was not prepared. It points also to the possibility of future catastrophies. The Japanese showed notable perspicuity and foresight, and the fact that the Russians were surprised at night proves that they were not vigilant. If the Russian ships had been surrounded by metallic nets as is prescribed in warfare; if they had employed searchlights, and especially if their torpedo boat destroyers had been active, this surprise could not have brought such disastrous consequences. The Japanese have proved their water-scout service to be excellent, as in the darkness of night they knew exactly where to strike. As the Russians have no dock yard facilities in the east to repair the damages inflicted on their ships, it follows that the three vessels struck by torpedoes are useless for service in the present war."

Official advices here from Tokio say that four battalions of Japanese infantry have landed in Korea near Seoul.

150 FRENCHMEN OFFERED TO ENLIST

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The Russian embassy here has refused offers of enlistment from Frenchmen, numbering about 150.

The Echo De Paris, says the embassy, has also refused the offer of an American ship owner to place his ships at the disposal of Russia to act as privateers.

THE RUSSIAN LOSS IN FIRST BATTLE

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—6.20 a.m.—A second telegram has been received from Viceroy Alexieff. It is dated Feb. 9, and says:

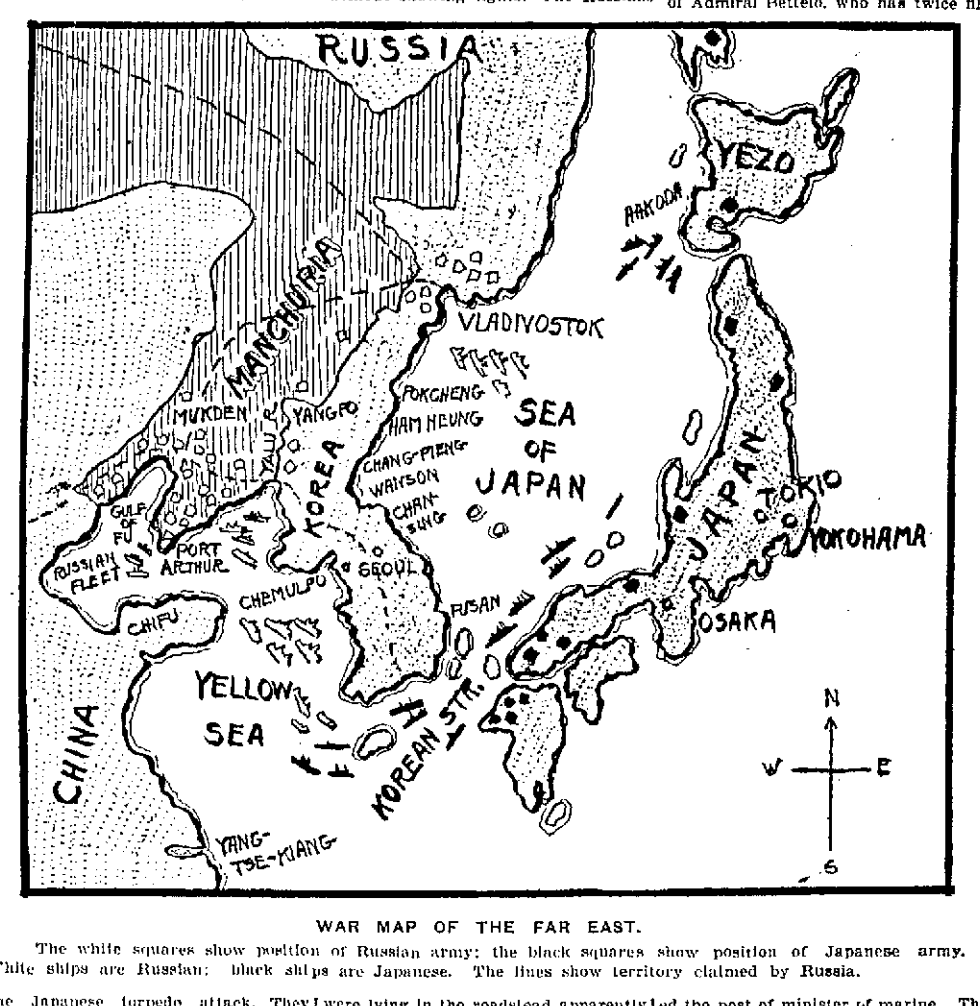
"A Japanese squadron of fifteen battleships and cruisers today began to bombard Port Arthur. The fortress replied and the squadron weighed anchor in order to participate in the battle."

A third telegram from the viceroy says that after a bombardment lasting one hour, the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and steamed southward. "Our losses," the viceroy continues, "are two naval officers and 51 men wounded and nine men killed, and on the coast batteries one man killed and three wounded.

"During the engagement the battleship Poltava and the cruisers Diana, Asokld and Novik, were each damaged on the water line. The damage to the fortress was not important."

RUSSIAN BOATS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

PARIS, Feb. 10—A dispatch received here from St. Petersburg says the Japanese fleet which attacked the Russian warships off Port Arthur Monday night included 17 armored vessels. The Russian battleships Boyarin and Czarewitch, according to the dispatch, were seriously damaged, and not simply "damaged" as announced from Port Arthur direct.



WAR MAP OF THE FAR EAST.

The white squares show position of Russian army; the black squares show position of Japanese army. White ships are Russian; black ships are Japanese. The lines show territory claimed by Russia.

SERIES OF FIRES

In Jos. Flynn's Block on Elm Street

The ringing of three alarms from box 16, all within a space of seven hours, today, and all for fires in a block owned by Joseph Flynn in Elm place, off Elm street, has led the people to believe that there is some person who is trying to destroy Mr. Flynn's property. While three alarms were pulled in today, an alarm from the same box for a fire in the same building was sounded the first of the month.

At 1.56 o'clock this morning the fire department was summoned by an alarm from box 16 to the first fire and discovered it in a pile of old rubbish in the cellar. The barrel was filled with shavings and small chips of wood and if it had not been discovered when it was it is hard to tell what damage might have been done.

The fire was discovered by one of the members of a family named Birmingham residing on the first floor directly over where the fire occurred. One of the members of the family is ill in bed and while another of the family was getting a glass of water she detected the odor of smoke and also heard the crackling of the flames. It was at her instigation that the alarm was pulled in.

When the department arrived there was a lively blaze in progress but it was soon placed under control. After the last spark had been extinguished the department returned to their respective houses.

At 4.41 another alarm sounded from box 16 and when the firemen reached the vicinity of that box they learned that the fire was in the Flynn block, and some of them evidently thought that a spark from the first fire might have started another fire, but on this occasion the fire was in the partition which separates the kitchen from a bedroom in the Birmingham tenement.

The fire started directly in the rear of the place where the flour barrel is located. Upon investigation it was found that there was a large hole which at first resembled a rat hole but which afterwards was found to be a space which was left open when the building was erected.

One of the occupants of the house claimed that a spark from the first fire must have started the second one, but as they were in two separate parts of the house and as there was not the least sign of a trail where the fire could have travelled this theory was abandoned.

The firemen extinguished the second blaze and then returned to their houses again.

Early this morning Chief Hosmer telephoned to Fire Marshal's Aid Casey in Haverhill notifying that official to come to this city at his earliest opportunity.

At 9.49 this morning a third alarm from box 16 was pulled in and again when the fire department responded it was found that the trouble this time was in the Flynn building, but upon the arrival of the department there was no sign of fire. One of the occupants of the tenement said that there had been a big blaze where the second fire had started in the partition between the kitchen and bedroom, and that she had succeeded in extinguishing it with water.

When the firemen arrived there was not the least sign of fire or smoke and while they did not care about doubting the woman's word they thought it strange that there would not be some sign of smoke or fire.

The fire on the first day of the month was in the cellar of this building and started like the first one this morning, in a pile of rubbish.

Joseph Flynn who owns the building upon entering the tenement after the last fire this morning said, "It looks crooked to have three fires in this house today and four this month. It would seem to appear that someone is trying to burn my block."

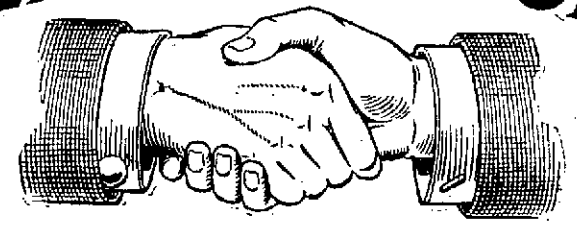
A representative of The Sun asked Chief Hosmer what he thought the cause of the fire was. He said:

"If I say it is suspicious people may think that I mean it was set intentionally. All that I care to say is that I have telephoned Casey to come to Lowell to investigate the fires."

Since some of the reporters on contemporaries misinterpreted Chief Hosmer's statement that the fire at O'Donnell & Gilbride's building was "mysterious" to mean that it was the work of a firebug, the chief has been rather careful about what statements he makes.

The insurance on the Flynn building is held by Fred C. Church.

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BATTLE ON LAND

RUSSIAN VICTORY

Reported in Private Dispatches That Were Received at Vladivostok

Transports Bearing 2000 Russian Troops Captured by Japan—The Japanese Show Remarkable Pluck and Skill in Battle—Russia Complains of Japanese Attack Before a Formal Declaration of War—Troops of Both Powers Being Poured Into Korea—Land Battle Imminent

VLADIVOSTOK, FEB. 10—PRIVATE TELEGRAMS RECEIVED HERE REPORT THE COMPLETE ROUT OF THE JAPANESE BY THE RUSSIANS ON THE YALU RIVER. THESE ADVICES ALSO CLAIM THAT CHEMULPO, KOREA, HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS AND MARINES.

CRUSHING BLOW TO RUSSIAN FLEET

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A SPECIAL DESPATCH FROM TOKIO DATED TODAY SAYS IT IS REPORTED THERE THAT THREE TRANSPORTS OF THE RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS' FLEET, CONVEYING ABOUT 2000 TROOPS, HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE OFF THE KOREAN COAST.

RUSSIAN PAPERS CLAIM A VICTORY

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—2.30 p. m. No further details of the fighting off Port Arthur have been made public here, beyond the official bulletins. No telegrams from abroad concerning the attacks have been received. All newspaper despatches over the Siberian line have been stopped and the telegraph office forbidden to accept private messages for the far east, except over the Persian line.

Although scepticism regarding the current reports is expressed in certain quarters the full extent of the Russian loss has not been given out.

5.30 p. m.—Some of the newspapers here print extras claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported to have been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima was sunk. The people are demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the report and the announcement is discredited.

RUSSIA LOSES ELEVEN WARSHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A summary of the losses sustained by Russia in the first 24 hours of the war with Japan shows that 11 Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another and that the Japanese did not lose a ship.

The losses were as follows:

1—Battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

2—Battleship Czarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

3—Battleship Poltava (hole below water line), at Port Arthur.

4—Armored cruiser Boyarin, disabled by Japanese fire at Port Arthur.

5—Cruiser Pallada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached.

6—Cruiser Novik, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

7—Cruiser Askold, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

8—Cruiser Diana, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

9—First class armored cruiser Variag, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

10—Torpedo gun vessel Korietz, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

11—Gunboat Mandjin, said to have been seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki, Japan, where the Mandjin was being repaired. Another report, however, says the Mandju is at Shanghai.

The Japanese fleet engaged seems to have consisted of two divisions under Admiral Kamimura, on the flagship Idzumo (armored cruiser) and Vice-Admiral Togo, on the flagship Asahi (battleship).

The Japanese vessels engaged were apparently, in addition to the Idzumo and Asahi, the battleship Fuji, the cruiser Oshima, the battleship Shikishima, the battleship Hatsuse, the armored cruiser Yakumo, the armored cruiser Asama, the armored cruiser Iwate, the cruiser Chitose, the cruiser Kasagi, the cruiser Takasago, and the torpedo gunboat Yoshino.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS LOST AT CHEMULPO

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received official confirmation from Tokio of the destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first class cruiser Variag and the third class cruiser Korietz.

The cruiser Variag, which was built at Cramps shipyard, Philadelphia, in 1893, was of steel and unsheathed. She was of 6500 tons displacement and her indicated horse power was 20,000. On her speed trials she made 24 knots per hour for eight hours. She was 400 feet long, 52 feet in beam and had a depth of hold of 20 feet. The Variag's armament consisted of twelve 6-inch quick-firing guns; twelve 12-pounder quick-firing guns; eight 3-pounder quick-firers, two 1-pounders and six torpedo tubes, two of which were submerged.

The Korietz was built in Stockholm. She was of steel and 206 feet in length, 35 feet in beam, 1413 tons displacement and 1500 indicated horsepower. Her speed was 13 knots. The armament of the Korietz consisted of two 8-inch breech loaders, one 6-inch breech loader, four 4.7-quick firers; two six-pounder quick-firers; four 1-pound revolving cannon and two torpedo tubes.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON RUSSIAN FLEET

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A despatch to the Central News from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned there Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians, the despatch says, were small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser grounded.

GERMANY RECEIVES NOTE FROM HAY

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Secretary Hay's note to the powers concerning the neutrality and integrity of China was delivered to the German government yesterday by Foreign Secretary Von Richthofen. The Associated Press understands the latter has already conveyed an intimation to Secretary Hay that his proposals are likely to be acceptable to Germany, because they tend to localize the war and avoid fresh subjects of international dispute. The step taken by the United States is regarded by the foreign office here as being an able move.

IMPORTANT BATTLE IS EXPECTED SOON

LONDON, Feb. 10.—"We are slow in negotiating, so we are making up for lost time by quickness in action," said Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, this morning. "The engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo were merely in accordance with plans long matured. So long as our forces are landed in Korea, I look for an important fleet action at Port Arthur. The Russian vessels are not likely to give up the advantage they gained by being under cover of their land batteries. By going to the Chinese side, however, the Japanese fleet by high angle fire, can drop in shells which would make it very uncomfortable for the Russian ships lying moored close to one another. Thereby it is hoped to drive out Viceroy Alexieff's forces. Possibly, like Admiral Cervera, he may anticipate fate and come into the open of his own accord. The present events merely to show the utter uselessness of Port Arthur from a strategic viewpoint."

Dealing with Secretary Hay's note to the powers on the subject of preserving the integrity of China, Baron Hayashi said:

"The neutrality of China was first suggested by my government and we received assurances that Chinese neutrality would be observed. Japan will certainly agree most heartily to Secretary Hay's proposition which appears chiefly to be due to the suspicion that Russia might find a pretext for military action against China. If, however, the United States and other powers contemplate the neutrality of Manchuria the case becomes very complicated. So long as there are Russian troops in Manchuria, Japan cannot regard it as neutral territory. I scarcely think the United States, Great Britain or any other power would be willing to drive the Russians out of Manchuria, however much they might insist that Manchuria is part of neutral China. So while we are anxious to assist in assuring the neutrality of China proper we have every intention of waging an aggressive land campaign in Manchuria itself. Having resorted to arms we shall probably go further than our modest demands made during the negotiations."

According to the official advices received by Baron Hayashi only four battalions of Japanese troops have up to the present been landed at Chemulpo, Korea.

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All but first two rows of the gallery 25c.—for "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

ON SHORT TIME.

HOPEDALE, Mass., Feb. 10.—Owing to a falling off in the demand for cotton mill machinery many departments of the Draper company's works will run but 45 hours weekly. About half of the plant is affected.

FUNERAL NOTICE—The funeral of Thomas H. Deligan will take place from the parlors of C. H. Molloy in Market street at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Burial in the Catholic cemetery. His death is believed to have been accidental.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

SUN LATEST

FIVE O'CLOCK

HE'S A PAINTER

Racicot Will Prove It to Common Council

A few days ago a number of councilmen at city hall were discussing the relative merits of Alphonse Bibeault and Arthur C. Racicot as candidates for superintendent of lands and buildings. Mr. Bibeault is a builder and Mr. Racicot an artist.

Councilman J. J. Hayes, in the course of the discussion remarked: "I think that this year of all years we need a painter as superintendent of buildings, for the department has called for money to paint city hall outside and inside and with a painter at the head we will have the job done properly."

Mr. Racicot, it appears, was nearby and overheard the conversation, but said nothing.

Then some one suggested that he couldn't paint, whereupon Councilman Hayes remarked: "Is that so; I wish he was here and I'd get him to prove that he is a good painter."

Mr. Racicot then made his presence known and Councilman Hayes told him that as his ability as a painter was doubted it might be well for him to bring some of his work around and show it and accordingly Mr. Racicot has agreed to bring some of his paintings around to city hall Thursday to show to the members who may be present.

After the paintings have been displayed Councilman Hayes is going to insist upon other candidates bringing around a couple of buildings so that the members may judge of their ability in that line.

Tickets for "Friends," 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00—On sale at the Opera House.

TO HELP REBUILD ST. PATRICK'S.

The production of "Friends" by the Dramatic club of the Catholic Young Men's lyceum has been in active rehearsal for the past two months under the direction of John H. Quinn, who staged "Rosedale."

When the disastrous fire occurred which practically destroyed St. Patrick's, the members of the C. Y. M. L. realized that it was up to them to do something big to provide some of the funds for its rebuilding, and they at once put their efforts to the test to make "Friends" a bigger financial affair than was intended; the money to be realized to be turned into the parish treasury.

The members of the lyceum are enthusiastic in their efforts to realize $1000 from the affair. The members of the cast are working hard with their parts to ensure an enjoyable evening's entertainment. It now rests with the friends of St. Patrick's to respond to their efforts by making the production of "Friends" an event in St. Patrick's parish,—as a financial, social and artistic success.

Here's the cast:

MARGUERITE OTTO of the Metropolitan Opera house....Miss Ethel Ranger
HANS OTTO, her father,
Mr. James E. Coughlin
HAROLD HUNTING, director of the Metropolitan Opera house,
Mr. Daniel S. O'Brien
JOHN PADEN, Sr., a business man,
Mr. John J. McNabb
JOHN PADEN, Jr., a modern poet,
Mr. John J. Hanlon
ADRIAN KARJE, a pianist,
Mr. John J. Sullivan
JENNIE MERRYWEATHER,
Miss Lillian O'Brien
MISS WOLFE of the Metropolitan Opera house....Miss Madeline Crevier
MISS HARTMAN of the Metropolitan Opera house....Miss Elizabeth Connell
HENRY, a servant,
Mr. Frank Higgins

Synopsis—Act. 1, Mrs. Merryweather's lodgings; act. 2, drawing room at Marguerite Otto's; act 3, Harold Hunting's apartments; act 4, green room, leading to Marguerite's dressing room at the Metropolitan Opera house.

Time, the present; place, New York.

STOCK BROKER BANKRUPT.

BOSTON, Feb. 10 he former stock exchange of Dennett Bros. & Co., bankers and brokers, has been adjudged a bankrupt by the United States circuit court. The liabilities of the concern are about $125,000 with fitful assets. The creditors investigating committee recommended the election by the creditors of Samuel D. Elmore as trustee.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair and continued cold tonight. Thursday fair, probably followed by snow; warmer Thursday; brisk northerly winds.

HEARING TONIGHT

Citizens Will Talk on Appropriations

The hearing before the appropriations committee, when the citizens at large will be given an opportunity to express their views on the matter of granting appropriations to the different heads of departments, will take place in the public hearing room at City hall tonight and promises to be an interesting meeting though there is some doubt as to the good that will be accomplished owing to the diversity of opinions.

Jerome P. Manning has promised to be present and in all probability he will devote a portion of his time to the councilman who recently expressed the wish that Mr. Manning might be barred from the hearing. Mr. Manning has since asked the clerk of the committee for the name of the common councilman who made the remark, but as it was made during Mr. Dowling's absence from the room that official could not give him the information he desired. Mr. Manning stated that if such a remark were made during Mr. Dowling's absence from the room that official could not give the information he desired. Mr. Manning stated that if such a remark were made during a meeting it would appear on the records which he contended should be a truthful and complete account of all the transactions.

MAYOR McLANE

Thanks Mayor Howe for City's Sympathy

Mayor Howe this morning received the following reply from Mayor McLane of Baltimore to his telegram extending the sympathy of the citizens of Lowell to the Baltimore fire sufferers:

Feb. 10, 1904.

Hon. Charles E. Howe, Mayor

Many thanks for kind words of sympathy. Assistance not needed at present. Call will be issued if necessary.

ROBERT McLANE,
Mayor of Baltimore.

Help to rebuild St. Patrick's—See "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

CARLOAD OF JERSEYS

DRIVEN ACROSS THE CITY FOR HOOD'S FARM.

A carload of Jersey cows attracted attention as they were driven from the depot across the city and out Andover street to Hood's farm. They were purchased by Supt. Dodge of the farm as are all the purest milch cattle.

The farm has received further distinction in a test by a representative of the Massachusetts Experiment Station appointed by the Jersey Cattle Club and under its rules. The result showed that a two year old heifer, Tenona 9th, bred at Hood's farm broke the world's record for milk and butter, having produced in one year 8,032 lbs. of milk which gave 359 lbs. and 6 ozs. of butter. The daily average of milk was 22 lbs.; of butter 1 lb. 7½ ozs.

The social event of the season—"Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

SENATOR HANNA

HELD HIS OWN AND CONDITION IS GOOD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—Senator Hanna's physicians at noon today issued the following bulletin:

"At 12 o'clock Senator Hanna was resting quietly. Temperature 100 8-10; pulse 97; respiration 28. He was a little more restless during the night but slept quietly at intervals. There are no complications and his general condition continues good.

(Signed) DRS. RIXEY, CARTER."

Dr. Osler of Baltimore, will not be here until 2 o'clock, when the regular daily examination will be held.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

BIDS CALLED FOR

For Drugs and Water Works Supplies

Purchasing Agent Donnelly has called for bids on a large amount of drugs, medicines, etc., for the city dispensary and for 5 tons of soft west pig lead and 200 lbs. of solder for the water works. The bids on the former contract close tomorrow afternoon and those on the latter will close on Saturday.

The contract for meat for the city farm was recently awarded to J. H. Fahey.

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LICENSE MONEY

Should Go to State Says Johnson

BOSTON, Feb. 10—The recommendation of Gov. Bates that fifty per cent. of the liquor license fees be turned into the state for additional revenue, was strongly supported by the temperance advocates before the legislative committee on liquor law today, on the plan of having all the fees turned into the state and thus assist no-license communities in the suppression of crime which they claim originates mainly from liquor selling.

Mr. B. B. Johnson of Waltham, legislative counsel of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence League, was the principal speaker, while in the room were the mayors of all the liquor selling cities in the commonwealth, who, it is expected, will be heard later in opposition to the plan.

Mr. Johnson presented a set of statistics for the purpose of showing that the no-license communities obtain no revenue whatever directly from the sale of liquor in other parts of the state, except what they obtain indirectly through the 25 per cent. of the liquor fees which are now turned into the state treasury. Mr. Johnson also attempted to show that all liquor selling communities received a great profit over and above the regular state and county tax from the fees, in which non-liquor selling towns do not participate. It is estimated that the passage of the measure together with the two other recommendations of the governor for an inheritance tax and a participation of the state in the corporation tax will add 25 per cent. to the present revenues of the state.

LOWELL MEN PRESENT.

Mayor Howe, City Solicitor Hogan, Chairman Miskella of the board of aldermen, represented city hall at the hearing on the bill to pay one-half of the license money to the state instead of one-quarter as at present. Before leaving all three signified their intention of speaking in opposition to the bill.

Mayor Howe stated that he would also personally ask each member of the senate and legislature from Lowell to use his influence to defeat the bill.

Rep. Adams of this city is a member of the committee on liquor laws before whom the hearing was held.

200 reserved seats in the gallery at 25 cents—"Friends," Opera House, Thursday night.

AFTER CITY AID

Many Applicants at Sec. Courtney's Office

Yesterday was a busy one at the office of Secretary Courtney, for nearly 30 applications for aid were received, many of the applicants being new ones. This number, however, is not a record-breaker, for more than 30 have reported in one day.

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ALL CITIZENS INVITED

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE WILL WELCOME SUGGESTIONS PERTAINING TO CITY'S MANAGEMENT.

The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations will give a public hearing at City Hall, Wednesday, February 10, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of obtaining the views of all citizens in relation to the management of city departments.

The committee will welcome any views which may be given in the direction of reducing the expenses of the city of Lowell or in relation to a more economical conduct of any department thereof.

FRANK M. DOWLING,
Clerk of Committees.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

FUNERALS

McLAUGHLIN—The funeral of Ethel May McLaughlin took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 54 Quebec street. There were a number of pretty floral pieces. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker J. F. Rogers.

WOODS—The funeral of Annie Woods took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her sister, Mrs. James Glynn, 9 Bassett street. The remains were taken to St. Peter's church, where the services were held, Rev. Fr. Mullin officiating. The bearers were John Lee, Owen Tighe, Maurice O'Connor, Arthur Libsey, Lote Healey, Tim Vaughan. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. John J. O'Connell & Co. having charge of the funeral arrangements.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

Will be sold at public auction on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the store numbered 215 Dutton street, the entire stock of ladies' garments, furs, millinery and boys' clothing, also the fixtures. Terms cash. Morris Lenkin, mortgagee. E. E. Mansur, auctioneer. Lowell, Feb. 8, 1904.

LOST—Monday, Boston trip book. Reward at 580 Merrimack street.

TO LET—Two furnished front rooms, heat, bath, hot and cold water, $1 and $1.25 per week. 85 Middlesex street, opposite Standard Bathing Co.

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SAY—Where did you get that good tea? At Elwood's, Davis square. We are giving $8 worth of any kind of trading stamps with one pound of our 60c. tea; $6 worth with our 50c. tea; 15 stamps with our 25c. coffee; 30 stamps with our 35c. coffee; also, we will give double stamps on Saturday, 13th inst., on all cash goods. Butter, soaps, candy, dry goods, flour, tobacco, etc. We will deliver any goods ordered by postal card. Please, when ordering, state name of tea, price, etc. We have tea from 25c. to $1 per pound. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., Davis square.

FOUND—Sum of money. Owner may have by proving ownership and paying for adv. G. W. Conn, 209 Appleton street, after 7 p. m.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 8, 1904. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested on bill accompanying the petition of Henry R. Skinner and others, for legislation to prohibit or restrict the sale of toy pistols, fire-crackers and blank cartridges, at room No. 431, State House, on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. F. M. Heath, Chairman. Frank Selberlich, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 8, 1904. The Committee on Probate and Chancery will give a hearing to parties interested in House bill No. 24, accompanying the petition of Frederick S. Dedrick and others for legislation to provide evening sessions of police, district and municipal courts for the purposes of naturalization, at room No. 441, State House, on Friday, Feb. 12, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Guy W. Cox, House Chairman. William H. Woodhead, Clerk of the Committee.

MIND UNBALANCED

THOMAS SHEA WILL BE RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

Thomas Shea, alleged to be insane, was arrested in Gorham street at 1.45 this morning by Sergt. Freeman and Patrolmen Heslan and Counihan. Shea is 59 years old and has been confined in the asylum for the insane at Worcester. On Nov. 5 he was discharged from that institution, but his condition is such that it will be necessary to recommit him.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

MINING ENGINEERS' MEETING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—The annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, which was to have been held at Baltimore Feb. 16-20, will be held at the same date in Atlantic City, N. J., the change having become necessary because of the Baltimore fire.

THE SUN LATEST

5 O'CLOCK

DIED IN POVERTY

Erastus Wiman Once Had a Fortune

HE PASSED AWAY IN A COTTAGE

In Shadow of His Former Mansion

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Erastus Wiman died last night in a little cottage on Staten Island, to which, with his wife, he had repaired after his fortune had been swept away and his health was broken. With Mr. Wiman at his death were his wife, his son, Henry Dun Wiman, and his daughter, Mrs. Norman F. Walker. Another son, Louis Erastus Wiman, of Schenectady, and a daughter, Mrs. Jacob Crain, were summoned home, but not in time to see their father alive. A third son, Douglas Dwight Wiman, has been recalled from Honolulu.

So rapid are the changes in these times that Erastus Wiman has been all but forgotten. Yet only a few years ago he was a power in many great enterprises. A decade ago his name was almost a household word in Canada and the United States. His great plans for the upbuilding of Staten Island failed entirely. His fortune disappeared and with it went his grasp upon commercial enterprises.

He was born in Churchville, Ont., April 10, 1834, and until he was well past 60 he remained a faithful subject to Great Britain, though thoroughly American in his characteristics. He took out naturalization papers less than seven years ago, thinking thereby to assist in a political movement in which he was greatly interested, but which, like most of his ambitions, came to naught.

His only education was obtained in the schools of his native village, and Erastus Wiman began his battle for fortune when only 15 years of age as errand boy in a newspaper office. Before he was 21, he was recognized as an authority in the financial world. He attracted R. G. Dun, who, in 1865, brought him to New York and gave him a position of much responsibility in his commercial agency. Mr. Wiman insisted upon making the agency grow. When he took control there were 16 branches, and a few years later he had 105 branches and an agent in every American city of importance. R. G. Dun & Co. changed its name to Dun, Wiman & Co. Wiman made the business all it came to be. Later the partners quarreled. Mr. Wiman withdrew and had to fight desperately to keep from spending the remainder of his life in prison, and the original name, R. G. Dun & Co. was resumed.

He had three pet ambitions. He was enthusiastic for commercial reciprocity with Canada. Believing in Staten Island, he planned to make it one of the greatest railroad centres of the country. His third ambition was to obtain control of railroad properties and be a railroad builder and projector. Robert Garrett, then in control of the Baltimore & Ohio, was interested in the plans of Erastus Wiman, and promised to bridge the Kill Von Kull channel and to make a terminus of his road in Staten Island. The plans were well matured, but Mr. Garrett died.

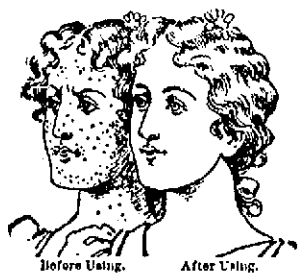
After that the downfall of Mr. Wiman was rapid. Mr. Wiman, in 1894, was tried upon charges nominally brought by R. G. Dun. He was convicted and sentenced to five years and six months in prison. The supreme court reversed the verdict, but Wiman was crushed and defeated. He fought desperately to rise again, and was identified with many unsuccessful ventures. Less than a fortnight ago his furniture was sold at public auction. He died in a cottage almost in the shadow of his former mansion.

LIST OF VICTIMS

FIFTEEN KILLED IN COLLISION ON "SOO" ROAD.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 10.—A revised list of the dead, the result of yesterday's collision of two "Soo" trains near Sand Point shows that there are fifteen dead, as follows:

J. J. JACKSON, engineer.
J. ROBINSON, express messenger.
G. PRICE, fireman.
J. DUPUIS, fireman.
WILLIAM McCULLEN, newsboy.
JOHN TOOLE, baggageman.
L. THOMPSON, Montreal, express messenger.
Passengers:
ADOLPHUS SEGUIN, Hull.
JOSEPH CHALUT, Hull.
EMMA POUILLET, Whitney.
JAMES HIGGINS, Ottawa.
J. CARTIER, address unknown.
M. LA BRUNT, address unknown.
Two shanty men, names unknown.
Twenty persons were injured.


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GREEK DOCTOR

Practised Medicine Without a License

The case of Atharasios Yiurukos, charged with practising medicine without being duly licensed, came up in police court today. Counsel for the defendant, after the government had rested its case, told the court that ignorance of the law was responsible for the defendant's action and while he did not submit that as an excuse to be recognized by the court, he thought it would do no harm to admit it. He said that his client had graduated from a university in Athens and is a skilful physician. He further stated that his client had made application for a license to the state board and would take the examination March 8. He asked for a continuance of the case to that time.

Judge Hadley said that the minimum fine for the offence with which the defendant was charged is $100. He said he did not wish to be severe and told the clerk to find Yiurukos guilty and continue the case to March 11 for sentence. He told counsel for the defendant that in the event of his client failing to pass the examination the court would impose the minimum fine of $100.

Two witnesses appeared for the government. One of them said that the defendant had attended his wife in confinement and that he had also attended a child of his that died. He said he did not give the child any medicine, but recommended certain baths. He further stated that the defendant did not take any money for his services, but told the witness that he could settle with him after he, the defendant, had become a full-fledged doctor. The other witness said that the defendant had attended a child of his and that he had paid him for his services.

The defendant has been in Lowell about 45 days and those of his countrymen who know him in the old country say that he is a skilful physician and that he will have no trouble in passing the examination.

FOR ILLEGAL KEEPING.

Matthew Whelton, through his counsel, pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with illegally exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors and was fined $75. The case of Owen T. Mulligan, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was continued for one week.

William H. Handley pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with beating and otherwise abusing a horse on January 23. Agent Richardson of the Humane society is the complainant and he asked that the case be continued to tomorrow morning.

The case of Albert Regard and Patrick J. Casey, charged with larceny, came up on continuance and was recontinued. The government was not ready to go on with the case because the man from whom, the police allege, the money, $30, was stolen, was not in court. His name is Joseph J. Gannon and he lives in Manchester, N. H.

All but first two rows of the gallery 25c.—for "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

POLICE BOARD

MINOR LICENSES GRANTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

At the regular meeting of the police board last evening the following licenses were granted:

Pool and billiards, Alfred T. Howe, 3 Mammoth road, and Charles W. Greenwood, 109 French street.

Junk collector, Abram Nowack, 122 Howard street.

Hawker and peddler, William P. Shipkford, 3 West Adams street.

Lunch wagon, Patrick Daly, corner of Race and Merrimack streets.

The license of Special Officer Edward Farrell was revoked.

The common victualler's license held by Styrianopoulos & Pollchronopoulos at 459 Market street was revoked.

PAPER TRADE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The national paper trade association of the United States, which was temporarily organized Dec. 15 last, has come together here in its first annual meeting. At the opening session the association was placed on a permanent basis.

There have been heretofore six local organizations in different sections of the country. Each of these took in several states with headquarters respectively at Boston, Chicago, Baltimore, Columbus and Minneapolis. These bodies now become subsidiary organizations to the national association.

The association starts out with 150 firms as members, nearly all of which were represented. The membership includes jobbers only, but the merchandise which they handle embraces all kinds of paper, from the coarsest wrapping to the choicest art products. The object in forming the association, it is stated, is to protect the interests of the jobber in his relations to both the manufacturer and the retailer and to put an end to what are regarded as abuses now existing.

Officers were elected including O. A. Miller of Columbus, Ohio, president; I. W. Carpenter, Omaha, second vice president; A. F. Peck, Detroit, F. L. McLellan, St. Paul and E. C. Kimball, Chicago, members of the executive committee.

Resolutions adopted by the paper manufacturers were presented informing the jobbers of their readiness to co-operate and recommending the elimination of brokers from the trade.

EX-SENATOR ELLSWORTH DEAD.

LOCKPORT, N. S., Feb. 10.—Former Senator T. E. Ellsworth died at his home here at 5 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for 10 days with sciatic rheumatism and his condition became serious yesterday. His heart was affected and death followed.

Senator Ellsworth was born at East Windsor, Hartford county, Conn., Sept. 21, 1836.

"Friends"—the most ambitious amateur production ever attempted in Lowell—at the Opera House Thursday night.

RUSSIAN-JAPAN WAR

(Continued.)

RUSSIAN CRUISERS OPENED ATTACK

LONDON, Feb. 10.—2 p. m. Official advices from Tokio, received by Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister, say the Japanese admiral on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian cruisers giving them a time limit in which to leave. Shortly afterwards the Russians came out and attacked a Japanese torpedo boat which replied with a torpedo ineffectively. A general exchange of shots then followed. After a hot fire the Russians returned to Chemulpo and sank at the entrance of the harbor. It is not yet known whether their sinking was due to the Japanese fire or to the Russian's own action; but it is believed to be due to the former. The crews of both the Russian vessels sought refuge on a French warship at Chemulpo. There were no casualties among the Japanese and their vessels sustained no damage.

"SUPREME MANIFEST" ISSUED BY THE CZAR

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—The Official Messenger this morning contains the following "supreme manifesto":

"By the grace of God, we, Nichols II, emperor and autocrat of all the Russias, etc., make known to all our loyal subjects:

"In our solicitude for the maintenance of peace, which is dear to our heart, we made every exertion to consolidate tranquility in the far east. In these peaceful aims we signified assent to the proposals of the Japanese government to revise agreements regarding Korean affairs existing between the two governments. However, the negotiations begun upon this subject were not brought to a conclusion and Japan, without awaiting the receipt of the last responsive proposals of our government declared the negotiations broken off and diplomatic relations with Russia dissolved.

"Without advising us of the fact that the breach of such relations would in itself mean an opening of warlike operations, the Japanese government gave orders to its torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron standing in the outer harbor of the fortress of Port Arthur. Upon receiving reports from the viceroy in the far east about this, we immediately commanded him to answer the Japanese challenge with armed force.

"Making known this decision we, with unshaken faith in the help of the Almighty and with a firm expectation of and reliance upon the unanimous willingness of all our loyal subjects to stand with us in defence of the fatherland, ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces.

"Given at St. Petersburg, Jan. 27, 1904, A. D. (New calendar, Feb. 9, 1904), and in the tenth year of our reign.

"Written in full by the hand of "His Imperial Majesty, Nicholas."

FUND OF $25,000 TO HELP JAPAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 10.—A committee of the Japanese association composed of the leading Japanese here has decided to raise $25,000 to help Japan in prosecuting the war with Russia.

MANY JAPANESE RETURNING HOME

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 10—Twenty-five Japanese sailed last night for Japan. They will be joined at Victoria by a like number of their countrymen. It is estimated that there are in this province between 12,000 and 18,000 Japanese and among them are between 3000 and 4000 men who are liable to be called upon to serve their country.

STEAMER COLUMBIA STRUCK BY A SHELL

CHEFOO, Feb. 10.—The British steamer Columbia, which arrived here yesterday from Port Arthur, bringing news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet, reports that the Columbia had a narrow escape from injury. Her passengers and crew were very much excited. While going out of the roads at Port Arthur, the Russian cruiser Novik got between the Columbia and the Japanese fleet. Shells which passed over the Novik struck around the Columbia. Her flag was cut into shreds and one shell fell on her deck. The faces of those who were on deck were blackened with powder smoke. A naval officer who was recently at Port Arthur says the Russians were not prepared for the attack on their ships and had an insufficient amount of steam up. A boat patrolled the straits of Pe Chi Li continuously, but apparently the Japanese torpedo boats were not noticed until after the first torpedo was fired. The Russians fired but the Japanese did not return the fire and backed off. An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the torpedo boats withdrew some distance. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the Japanese fast cruisers circled within view of the whole Russian fleet, but they were not engaged. The Russians returned towards the shore after an hour. The Japanese, continuing, came within three miles. A battle then began between Russian forts and fourteen ships and sixteen Japanese vessels. A few of the Japanese shells were effective, but as far as seen, the Russian shots fell short. The Japanese fleet was steaming towards Dalny when last seen.

The steamer Columbia left just before Tuesday morning's contest began and was unable to learn the result. It is probable that the Japanese fleet was convoying twenty-six troopships from Sasebo to some port of Korea. Japanese are reported to be in possession of the southern portion of the peninsula.

The Russian war vessels at Vladivostok are the armored cruisers Burik, Rossia, Gromoboi and the Bagatyr, a screw corvette, built in 1860. Russia has a thousand tons of coal at Port Arthur, but the coal must be taken out to the battleships in lighters until the battleships disabled by the Japanese are floated.

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EUROPEAN POWERS ENDORSE HAY'S NOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—Announcement may be expected from the state department, probably today, of the hearty endorsement by the European powers of the note of Secretary Hay calling on them to take concurrent action with the U. S. in its efforts to insure the neutrality of China and to confine the Japanese-Russian war to these two combatants. A sufficient number of governments have been heard from, including Great Britain, to insure the success of Secretary Hay's latest diplomatic move.

Japan, it can be stated on the highest authority, welcomes the action of this government, and while, up to a late hour last night the Russian position had not been ascertained, officials of the state department feel confident the representations of this government will be received with favor at St. Petersburg.

It is felt that any official word on the subject would be imprudent at present, but it can be said that unofficially it was known in advance that Germany, Great Britain and France and Japan were all anxious that the neutrality of China be preserved.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE AT ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10—There was an unprecedented scene at the religious service held in the winter palace yesterday afternoon. At the command of the czar a great concourse of ministers, court officials, high state functionaries, ladies of rank and military men assembled in St. George's hall, all the men arrayed in full uniform. After some delay the czar entered, wearing the uniform of the First Guard regiment of Russia, with the dowager czarina on his arm. The young czarina, wearing her favorite white and silver, followed, escorted by the Grand Duke Michael, the heir presumptive. The entire Imperial family followed in order of precedence.

Approaching a group of naval and military officers his majesty turned gravely and greeted them with the customary Russian phrase:

"I wish you good health, gentlemen."

The officers responded with a loud acclaim, shouting vigorous hurrahs.

The scene became one of wild enthusiasm, amidst which the imperial procession moved forward, entered the chapel, advanced to the altar and stood with bowed heads while the choir and clergy intoned an impressive intercessory service of the Greek church. An intensely religious spirit prevaded the assemblage, which crowded the little palace chapel.

The court chaplain approached the czar and sprinkled him with holy water from the chalice and presented a crucifix which the czar kissed fervently.

At the conclusion of the service the imperial party slowly retired. As they re-entered the palace another scene of enthusiasm greeted them. The czar made no address. Darkness had fallen before the service was finished. Those who attended the religious service at the palace yesterday asserted that the Japanese had attacked Port Arthur and that the fight was still in progress. From the same source it was asserted that the damage done to the Russian warships by the Japanese torpedoes was not serious.

UNITED STATES WILL BE NEUTRAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday, long and careful consideration was given to the situation developed by the Russian and Japanese war. Almost the entire time was devoted to a discussion of the far eastern situation. It is not anticipated that the U. S. government may be drawn into the conflict, although its progress will be watched closely and anxiously by this government. It was decided that the United States should preserve absolute neutrality between the combatants, but is scarcely likely that a proclamation will be made formally of that decision until official advices of the actual beginning of hostilities have been received.

BLOW TO RUSSIA IS HAY'S NOTE

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Secretary Hay's note to the powers on the integrity of China created great interest at the Japanese legation here, where it was characterized as "A serious blow to Russia."

This statement, however, the legation officials refused to be quoted.

The daily papers published the note with general prominence and while admitting its extreme importance and urging the most careful consideration of the proposal, they comment upon it in a tone of considerable caution. The Times hopes it will meet with general support as it would limit the danger of the disturbance from the world.

The Morning Post points out that the difficulty is to define what is meant by "China," but says it thinks Great Britain would readily assent to Secretary Hay's proposal.

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TRACKS COVERED

TRAINS UNABLE TO PLOUGH THROUGH WATER.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 10.—Backwater from the gorge which extends from Mc-Falls ferry to Bainbridge on the Susquehanna river covered the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad at Bainbridge this morning to the depth of three feet. Four freight trains are stalled at the flooded tracks with the water up to the cab floors. The water is slowly receding after having reached the record mark made in the flood of June, 1889.

Help to rebuild St. Patrick's—See "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The stock market opened irregular. Amal. Copper 45¾, Atchison 67⅝, Baltimore & Ohio 78¼, Brooklyn Transit 41, Canadian Pacific 116½, Erie 26, do first pfd. 61⅝, Louisville 102½, Missouri Pacific 89½, Norfolk & Western 58½, Ont. & Western 21⅜, Pennsylvania 114¾, Reading 42⅝, Rock Island 22½, Sugar 124¾, St. Paul 141, Southern Pacific 46½, Southern Railway 26¾, Texas Pacific 22⅝, Union Pacific 77⅞, U. S. Steel 11½, do pfd. 58, Wabash pfd. 36½.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—The stock market today made less effective resistance to the depression reflected from foreign markets than was the case yesterday morning. The railroad list was generally lower but there was a considerable list of specialties showing fractional gains. Rocking Coal, Virginia-Carolina Chemical and Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie pfd. rose a point.

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10 on 1 can 12c. Tomatoes.

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30 on 1 lb. 50c Tea.
10 on 1 lb. 20c Coffee.
6 on 1 lb. 15c Butterine.
5 on 1 package 14c Force.
5 on 1 package 14c Cero Fruto.
3 on 1 package 10c Presto.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Vote to Settle the Erie Tax Cases for $28,000

Gas Hearing and Other Matters Disposed of -- Opposition to Giving State 50 Per Cent. of License Money

Both branches of the city council assembled in joint convention last evening and after hearing from City Solicitor Hogan and Hon. George F. Richardson on the status of the Erie tax cases and the offer of settlement in the sum of $28,000, voted 32 to 4 to instruct the city solicitor to effect a settlement at once.

Both branches, by concurrent vote, adopted a joint order introduced by Alderman Miskella, instructing the mayor and city solicitor to appear in opposition to the bill to give half the license money to the state at a hearing to be held at the state house today.

The board of aldermen gave a hearing on the petition of the Lowell Gaslight company for a franchise.

The upper branch refused to ballot for a member of the water board and laid the board of health appointments on the table.

The common council transacted but little business and adjourned early.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

At 8.45 Chairman Miskella called to order with all the members present.

A minor hearing was given on the petition of the Electric Light company to erect poles in order to wire to the new French church, and there was no remonstrance.

A joint order providing for a reduction of 10 per cent. in all water bills paid within 30 days, to go into effect April 1, was read and adopted.

Aldermen Wilson and Hill were appointed a special committee to approve the clerk's record.

A couple of street petitions were referred to the street committee "when such committee shall be appointed."

CHAIRMAN MISKELLA'S RESOLUTION.

Chairman Miskella then read the following resolution introduced by himself:

Resolution expressing disapproval of Lowell's city council to bill before the Mass. legislature.

Resolved, by the board of aldermen and common council of the city of Lowell in city council assembled, as follows:

That whereas the bill now pending in the Mass. legislature entitled, "Relative to the appropriation of fees for the sale of intoxicating liquors to be paid to the Commonwealth," provides that one-half of the money obtained from licenses for the sale of liquors in all cities of the Commonwealth shall be paid into the state treasury, instead of one-fourth of the amount, as at present, and

Whereas, the city of Lowell, if such a bill became law would be obliged to pay to the state more than $80,000 of its license money instead of over $40,000, as at present, it is

Resolved, that such a law would work a great hardship upon the city of Lowell, and be it further

Resolved, that the city council of the city of Lowell, hereby enter its disapproval of the protest against the said bill becoming law, and that his honor the mayor and the city solicitor be requested to appear in remonstrance at a hearing to be given at the state house, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1904."

Mr. Miskella spoke briefly in favor of the resolution, stating that as the citizens of Lowell had voted for license it would seem that the city of Lowell was entitled to all the financial benefits accruing therefrom. In the last year of license he said the total amount paid for licenses was $171,243, of which $43,000 went to the state and $128,183 to the city. Under this proposed law the state will receive $43,000 more, and he believed that that amount should not be lost by the city.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

A joint order for a joint convention to be held forthwith to consider the Erie tax cases was adopted and a recess was taken until such time as the lower branch would be ready.

JOINT CONVENTION.

At 9.15 o'clock Chairman Miskella called the joint convention to order. City Solicitor Hogan and Lawyer Richardson who have conducted the Erie tax cases for the city were among those present at the joint convention.

Chairman Miskella before reading the order authorizing the city solicitor to settle the tax cases introduced City Solicitor Hogan to explain their nature. Mr. Hogan explained that in 1899 Charles E. Adams, James W. Bennett, Levi Sprague, Charles J. Glidden, Francis Jewett, Asa C. Russell and J. W. C. Pickering were each taxed $2576 for stock in the Erie telephone company, the aggregate amount being $19,032.

The directors refused to pay the assessment and suit was brought in 1896. In 1898 the cases were tried against all except Adams and judgment of $4400 was obtained against each of the six. The supreme court of Massachusetts sustained the verdict of the lower court and counsel for the defence took one of the cases to the U. S. supreme court. In August last a decision was received in the city's favor. The interest and costs added to the original amount of $18,000 made a total judgment of $38,500 or an average of $5500 against each director.

"Mr. Richardson and myself," said Mr. Hogan, "have been trying to arrange a settlement. In four of the cases we could enforce execution immediately on the estates of Sprague, Jewett, Russell and Pickering. Now, when we started to enforce the executions a proposition was made to settle for $20,000 and we refused it, asking for at least $30,000. Finally they offered us the lump sum of $28,000 to settle all the cases and we thought it a good offer, all things considered. We did not have the temerity to refuse it and yet did not like to accept it without asking your consent. In the course of the 14 years during which the matter has been in litigation many changes have taken place and among those whom we sued are some who have since gone to the wall. In the cases of two of the men against whom there is judgment we are satisfied that we cannot collect and one we will never collect. Thus the $11,000 lost in these two cases would leave the city $500 less than the amount of this settlement. In addition to this the Adams case is yet to be tried and a trial will mean a great cost. We are not in a position to collect from Charles J. Glidden without more delay. The only money that we would be able to collect at once will be $16,500 from the Russell, Jewett and Sprague estates. It is possible in a year to get Adams and Glidden and it is possible that some future city solicitor may get Pickering's. The other we will never get. Thus all things considered we believe this settlement of $28,000 in cash to be paid in 10 days a most favorable one and recommend that you instruct us to make it."

Hon. George F. Richardson spoke briefly in endorsement of all that Mr. Hogan had said.

Chairman Miskella then read the joint order authorizing the city solicitor to make a settlement.

Alderman Carmichael wanted more time to consider the proposition and thought that the two boards should act separately on the matter.

Councilmen Dodge and Peterson apparently "had it in" for the Erie directors for they believed in getting every cent possible out of them.

Alderman Wilson stated that in private business the members would not hesitate to take the advice of such able counsel and while he was not familiar at all with the cases he was satisfied to accept the advice and judgment of the gentlemen who had spoken.

The matter was put to vote and the order was adopted by a vote of 32 to 4, Alderman Carmichael and Councilmen Dodge, J. W. Fleming and Peterson in the negative.

The convention then dissolved.

The board upon resuming its session adopted the Molly Varnum hearing order in concurrence and a hearing will be given on Feb. 23.

The mayor's appointment of Dr. Huntress and William R. Doherty was laid on the table by a strict party vote.

GASLIGHT HEARING.

The Chelmsford Gaslight company hearing was then in order and Edward D. McVey, president of the company, took the floor. Mr. McVey first took up his personal petition protesting against the additional burden placed upon gas consumers by the Lowell Gaslight company by the additional issue of 2000 shares of stock for a coal gas plant while it has a water gas plant which it proposes to allow to lie idle. He claimed that if the company built two things from capital stock and one lies idle the public should be taxed only for the one that earns an income. He asked the city council to go before the gas commissioners on the question.

He then took up the petition of the Chelmsford Gaslight company and showed that company to be a Massachusetts corporation, just as the Lowell Gaslight company, subject to the same laws and requirements. It is capitalized for $300,000, every cent of which must be paid in before a pick can be sunk in the streets. It has the permission of the town of Chelmsford to operate in any of the streets or roads in that town. Mr. McVey said that if the board would do its part and consider the proposition to pay the sum of $25,000 for a franchise the directors would live up to their proposition in the matter. He asked for the same rights in the city of Lowell as the Lowell Gaslight company now enjoys. He considered that the duty of the aldermen to their party ended when their duty to the people began. He believed his offer much fairer than was the position of the home company, which in violation of the law tore up the streets of the city at will. The offer was unusual, he knew, but he believed it was entitled to consideration as it was made in good faith and with sufficient backing to guarantee its fulfillment. The company is prepared to do business very quickly.

On motion of Alderman Gallagher the petition was laid on the table and Messrs. Gallagher and Fairweather appointed a special committee to look into the matter and report.

An order establishing the pay of supervisors of elections was adopted.

A motion to ballot for a member of the water board was defeated.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The common council met shortly after 9 o'clock and no business was done until after the joint convention was held.

The order for a hearing in joint convention on petition of Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R., that Memorial building be placed in charge of the public library trustees was adopted.

The order calling for $1000 for the erection of a municipal tar macadam plant was referred to the committee on streets in concurrence.

Several minor matters were passed.

The resolution expressing disapproval of the bill before the legislature to give one-half of the money realized from liquor license fees to the state was passed.

Four ballots were taken for superintendent of lands and buildings without any choice.

On the first ballot Alphonse Bibeault had seven, Walter W. Smith got 6, James B. Conlon received 5, George Roche got 3, John Kilpatrick received 2, and Messrs. Racicot, Foye, Walsh and Varnum got a vote apiece.

On the second ballot Bibeault received 13 votes, Conlon 6, Smith 4, Roche 3, and Walsh 1.

The third ballot had the following result: Smith 9, Conlon 5, Bibeault 4, Roche 3, Racicot 2, O'Connor 2, Kilpatrick 1 and Walsh 1.

On the final ballot Kilpatrick and Conlon were the high men with 9 votes each, while the trailers were Bibeault with 4 votes, Roche with 2, Smith with 2 and O'Connor with 1.

Adjournment was taken at 10.02.

REPORT DISCREDITED

RELATIVE TO FRENCH OCCUPATION OF SHAN HAI KWAN.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The foreign office discredits the reports from Tien Tsin, yesterday, of the French occupation of Shan Hai Kwan, (on the gulf of Liautung). The officials here say the negotiations on this subject occurred six months ago, without definite results, and the officials believe that the reported arrival of French troops there is more from the shifting of the small garrison detachments. The officials add there certainly can be no significance in the French occupying the forts vacated by the Russians.

ATE RAT POISON

A PRISONER TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—After receiving sentence of 2½ years in the United States circuit court yesterday, for robbing the mails, Ernest Bromberger, a former letter carrier, in the presence of two deputies, and while his wife was standing beside him, swallowed a quantity of rat poison. He was taken to a hospital. Bromberger was convicted a year ago and he was sentenced today, after hearing that his appeal had been decided adversely.

BOWLING NEWS.

A candle pin tournament was held last night at the Vesper club at their headquarters in Pawtucket street and some good scores were made. There were 18 players in the contest and two strings were bowled by each player. Lambert made the highest total, which was 172, while the best single string was made by Kirschner, that player putting up a score of 92 on his first string. One of the surprises of the evening was the low score put up by Fred Grover. The score:

	1	2	3	Total
Peabody	75	75	75	150
Grover	57	75	75	150
Young	83	75	75	158
Drake	83	83	83	166
Kirschner	80	83	92	175
Lambert	86	86	86	172
Wight	86	81	81	162
Whittier	74	81	80	155
Patten	82	78	78	160
Nourse	87	76	76	163
Swapp	80	76	76	156
Whiter	76	74	78	148
Marten	76	75	75	151
Fletcher	85	75	78	158
Bramhall	75	80	80	155
Stevens	76	77	77	153
Goulding	78	84	80	162
Cunningham	77	85	80	162

Fourteen members of the Highland club competed in a tournament with the candle pins last night and three strings were rolled. All of the strings were high three of the players having single strings of over a hundred. Grunewald having the highest, that player making 103 on his second string. Rimels was high man with a three string total of 277. The score:

	1	2	3	Total
Sturtevant	76	83	71	230
Lezelle	79	85	72	236
Osterhout	80	83	73	234
Rimels	86	100	91	277
Webster	76	74	82	232
Grunewald	93	102	83	278
Stevens	78	76	76	230
Sherburne	78	76	80	234
R. Libby	88	81	80	249
Green	71	81	88	240
E. Libby	68	72	81	221
McKenzie	83	77	77	237
Lee	77	77	79	233
Wing	77	93	74	244

The Columbias and the Bigelows of the Recreation league rolled a game on Les Miserables alleys last night and the Columbias won by a margin of 18 pins. The Columbias won the first string by 23 pins, but the Bigelows got a spurt on in the second string and finished eight to the good, but lost the third string by three pins. McGreevy of the defeated team made both the best single and three string total. The score:

Columbias—McAdams 249, Mosher 238, Cox 221, Campbell 249, Howarth 249; total, 1296.

Bigelows—Singleton 226, McGreevy 264, McKinley 242, Eastman 228, Usher 228; total, 1188.

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ASSAULT CHARGE

MADE AGAINST TWO SOMERVILLE MEN.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—John E. Kauler and George A. Fitch, the former a well-known East Somerville undertaker, were arrested in Somerville yesterday afternoon by Lieut. Carter and Inspector Dancey on warrants charging them with assault upon an Italian, C. A. Tony Barr, with a shotgun, and malicious injury to arc electric lamps in Lexington on Jan. 28.

The two men are much concerned over the predicament in which they have found themselves, resulting, as they claim, from a lark in which they engaged. They deny any intention of shooting the man, and were unaware that any shot from their weapons had struck him until he made oath to the complaint.

On the day in question the Somerville men were in Lexington, accompanied by a dog and carrying shotguns. They were out for game, but met with no success in their quest. They were attracted on their way home by the appearance of one of the arc lamps, which was covered with snow. They engaged in friendly rivalry, it is said, to see which one would shoot off the snow first. In the contest the lamp was demolished. It is stated, and the Italian claims that shot from one of the guns went through one of his coat sleeves.

The selectmen heard of the incident before the two men left town, and compelled them to visit the town hall, where their names and addresses were taken, and they were then allowed to go. The Italian later showed up, and as a result of his story the selectmen procured from the justice at Concord warrants, which were delivered to the Somerville police yesterday.

Mr. Kauler and Mr. Fitch were admitted to bail at the Somerville police station last evening, each in the sum of $500.

WATER IS HIGH

THE WORST FLOOD SINCE THE YEAR 1875.

YORK, Pa., Feb. 10.—The highest water since 1875 prevails in the Susquehanna river today. At York Haven the county bridge to Wislers island has been destroyed. The equipment of Kerbaugh & Co., Pennsylvania railroad contractors at New Holland, has been carried away. The flood is due to a series of ice gorges which have caused back water. Below Wrightsville, the ice remains intact. Above that place the ice has been moving intermittently all night.

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	Assets	Liabilities
Aetna	$14,949,521	$4,926,918
Hartford	13,419,588	9,012,407
Continental	12,957,841	6,238,879
New York Underwriters	13,419,588	9,012,407
Liverpool & London and Globe	11,232,031	6,419,828
Insurance Co. of No. America	10,702,584	5,713,935
Royal	7,797,768	3,351,263
Philadelphia Underwriters	10,702,581	5,713,935
German American	10,319,177	4,623,206
Phoenix	6,497,612	3,159,608
Fire Association	6,150,843	4,075,894
National	6,205,291	3,654,581
North British and Mercantile	5,758,296	3,486,053

	Assets	Liabilities
Queen	$5,744,341	$2,708,787
Fireman's Fund	5,202,588	2,401,866
Connecticut	4,734,732	2,532,156
New Hampshire	3,779,569	1,624,759
Niagara	3,697,736	2,090,667
Northern	3,423,231	2,001,229
Sun	2,902,199	1,944,488
London & Lancashire	2,746,215	1,867,892
Traders	2,673,613	1,098,675
American of Pa.	2,534,985	1,855,163
Orient	2,109,516	965,421
Manchester	1,839,534	1,247,162
Palatine	1,790,150	1,083,922
Caledonian	1,700,189	1,002,797

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BALTIMORE'S TASK

Mayor Says Work of Resurrection Will be Begun

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Mayor McLane when asked for a statement today dictated the following to the Associated Press:

"Baltimore will now enter undaunted into the task of resurrection. A greater and more beautiful city will arise from the ruins and we shall make of this calamity a future blessing. We are staggered by the terrible blow, but we are not discouraged and every energy of the city as a municipality and its citizens as private individuals will be devoted to a rehabilitation that will not only prove the stuff we are made of but be a monument to the American spirit."

The creation of a seven-days' holiday, which was meant more for the financial institutions, has caused other establishments to close down and has resulted in bringing the people on the streets. Tens of thousands of persons have been rendered idle, temporarily at least, and for the want of something better to do visited the fire district. This gave the police and the soldiers more work, but the best of order prevailed.

The work of cleaning up the streets immediately surrounding the burned territory was begun at 10 o'clock. The street cleaning department assembled all its laborers near the city hall and with several hundred additional men marched them to Liberty and German streets, where the work was begun.

Where walls can be pulled down without endangering the men this will be done, after which they will clear the streets of the piles of brick and twisted iron. The streets within the fire area will not be touched for the present.

The hotel accommodations of Baltimore were not seriously impaired. Only two hotels were destroyed. All others are open and doing business as usual. The hotels near the fired district took extreme precautions during Sunday and Monday and some of them have not yet relaxed their rigid vigilance. The largest hotels last night had extra watchmen on duty who were constantly on the lookout for stray firebrands from the smouldering ruins.

Picture Baltimore's skyline today and the mind's eye has conceived the greatest fire desolation in the history of the country. It is not only a question of the number of squares, but the completeness of it all and the enormous value of property burned. High buildings in the vicinity of the fire zone provided observatories for those who were not permitted through the lines. Streets were impassable because of the great piles of debris, the building lines marked only by remnants of walls which had supported handsome skyscrapers.

Occasionally a column projected into the air. Those were in irregular lines, as some were in front, some side, and others rear walls. The effect was a conglomerate mass without lines of distinct demarcation. Dynamiting has continued today.

Nearly all the illustrated weeklies as well as the daily papers have their picture-making forces in the field.

The previously unexplored part of the burned section is in the south end, where the fire raged all day. The list of losses in that vicinity would be a complete directory of all properties.

Where the fire started, at John E. Hurst & Co.'s dry goods store, in Liberty street, only one wall remains standing.

Bolts of cloth are thrown about the street, the first few folds charred and the balance to all appearances intact, yet, when lifted they crumble like charcoal.

At all street intersections are tangled skeins of wires which are being cut away. Steamers have pulled in at all the passenger wharves, south from Light and Pratt streets, and these properties are all in that section which do not bear the marks of the catastrophe. Around these steamers on all sides are scenes of utter desolation and into the basin flows a river of water from the higher ruins to the north.

All of the wharves in that section of the city are in ruins and it will take many weeks to repair the damage sufficiently for the unloading of supplies.

After an investigation it is announced that the vaults of the Continental Trust Co. which contains securities to the value of $200,000,000 are intact. The vaults of the Maryland Trust Co., and those of the Mercantile Trust Co., have not been damaged in the least. The bank of Brown Brothers, directly in the path of the flames, practically escaped without loss.

This discovery will enormously reduce the estimated losses. Officers of these corporations went into the ruins. To their astonishment in many instances the strong rooms and safes opened to the combinations and revealed paper amounting to hundreds of millions absolutely unscorched. H. H. Beasley, of the Continental Trust Co., said to the Associated Press:

"I have just made a thorough examination and find that our securities are not damaged in the least. We have stored in our vaults securities amounting to more than $200,000,000. Our building is also in fine condition. We could open for business at a moment's notice if only the debris was cleared away."

The Continental Trust Co.'s building was erected at a cost of $1,425,00 and was in the direct sweep of the flames.

The most remarkable and fortunate escape made by any company within the fire belt was probably that of Brown Bros., bankers, whose building is directly opposite the Continental Trust Co. Every vault in this building was intact. Not a desk in the structure was damaged to any extent and the carpet on the floor of Mr. Brown's private office was in the same condition as when the bank closed its doors on Saturday afternoon.

The metal finishing on the skylight of this structure melted like snow and ran down on top of desks directly beneath the cupola. This will give some idea of the intense heat to which this structure was subjected. Mr. Brown said that the damage to his firm would not exceed $5000 and possibly would not reach that figure.

Officers of the Mercantile Trust Co. and the Maryland Trust Co. also found their securities intact and said they could resume business at once if the debris was cleared away.

Insurance men representing the great companies met today and formed an organization to expedite the adjustment of the losses.

After a meeting of the representatives of insurance companies today it was announced that they estimated the loss at $125,00,000 with insurance to the amount of $90,000,000.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and immediately resolved itself into a "general loss committee."

The committee will supervise the details of the general plan of adjustment, and will hold meetings daily at the headquarters. The committee was authorized to establish headquarters and employ an office staff. Among the companies represented at the meeting are the Aetna, the Springfield Fire and Marine Co. of Massachusetts; the Mercantile Ins. Co., of Boston; the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford; the New Hampshire of Manchester; the Hartford of Hartford and the Phoenix of Hartford.

The individual insurance men who have made a thorough inspection of the burned district, give estimates of the property loss that tally closely with that of the adjusters, namely $125,000,000. This is based on information as to the bulk of the insurance placed by the establishments now in ruins, the proportion of the burned area that was occupied by the heavily protected concerns, the average losses of insurance companies in large fires and by close figuring on the premium receipts of the companies. The total premium receipts on the city's business, as reported to the Baltimore salvage corps approximates $1,500,000.

Offers of financial aid and sympathy are pilling up at the office of Mayor McLane and all attempts to answer them has been abandoned.

Fortunately very few poor have been affected by the fire. The burned portion of the city was occupied almost entirely by manufacturing and commercial properties and the business men are trying to get on without outside aid. They take a bravely cheerful view of the situation and the expression was heard frequently that "This will be the making of Baltimore."

Mayor McLane said today that he would not consider the proffers of aid until tomorrow.

BIG ADVANCE

IN REAL ESTATE IN BALTIMORE TODAY.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Prices of real estate are rising. As high as $50,000 was today asked for property, a week worth $3,000. Many firms whose places of business were destroyed by the fire are paying enormous prices for temporary offices. Actual transfers of real estate have been made at two and three thousand dollars in excess of valuations placed upon the property before the fire.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

HAS BILL FOR SETTLEMENT OF LAND DAMAGES.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Attorney General Parker presented to the committee on judiciary of the legislature today a bill for a more speedy settlement of land damages in cases where property is acquired by state, city or town authorities by eminent domain. Under the present law owners having their property taken are obliged to wait an average of nearly two years before receiving any compensation. Mr. Parker's bill provides that the state, city or town authorities shall make an award within a few weeks after taking property and provides for a settlement of the damages at once.

COTTON MARKET

IS STILL NERVOUS AND UNSETTLED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The cotton market was less excited than yesterday, but still very nervous and unsettled. Opening prices were 25 to 35 points higher on the old and from 10 to 15 points higher on the new crop months. Following the call the market showed a further advance of a few points, but shortly after eased off to within 10 or 12 points of yesterday's close on the active months.

NINE ARE DEAD

Two "Soo" Trains Were in Collision

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 9.—A collision occurred near Sand Point early today between the "Soo" train going east and a westbound "Soo" train in which nine persons were killed and 12 injured. The dead so far as known are:

ENGINEER JACKSON,
EXPRESS MESSENGERS ROBERTSON AND THOMPSON,
NEWS AGENT McMILLEN,

Five passengers occupying second class cars, whose names have not been ascertained.

The injured are:

Fireman Dubois,
Mail Clerk Black,
Baggageman Tpole,
Engineer Dudley
A fireman and six passengers.

The extent of their injuries has not been learned. According to an official statement given out by the Canadian Pacific company the accident was due to the crew of the westbound train failing to obey orders.

RECEIVER'S BOND

Has Been Placed at $100,000

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 9.—The U. S. Shipbuilding Co.'s case came up before Judge Kirkpatrick in the United States circuit court today when orders which are considered practically to settle the controversy were drawn up, agreed on, embodied in a decree and signed by the court. These motions were made by Mr. Untermyer in behalf of the complainants in the suit. They were:

That the shipbuilding company be declared insolvent; that a permanent receiver be appointed; that Charles M. Schwab be made a party defendant; and that the cause be tried in open court. Counsel for the temporary receiver announced that he would agree to the consolidation of the suits. There was no objection by the shipbuilding company's lawyers and a motion to that effect previously made was thereby disposed of.

By the terms of the decree signed today, the bond of Receiver Smith, who will be the permanent receiver, is placed at $100,000. Judge Kirkpatrick said he would be engaged for a couple of months and anyhow he did not know what further testimony it was necessary to take in the matter of the trial of the case in open court.

COTTON GINNED

REPORT ISSUED BY THE CENSUS OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—The report issued by the census office of the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 up to and including Jan. 16, 1904, shows that 30,171 ginneries were operated and that these ginned 9,850,277 commercial bales. Counting round bales as half bales the number is 9,435,637, which compares with 8,906,503 and 10,688,250 bales to Dec. 13, 1902, and to March 14, 1903, respectively.

The report for the entire country is as follows: 9,038,880 square bales, 747,480 round bales, 72,907 sea island crop bales, 9,859,277 total commercial bales. The total commercial bales ginned from the crop of 1902 to Dec. 13, 1902, was 9,311,535 and to March 14, 1903, was 11,078,882.

JASON E. TOLLES

MADE COMMANDER OF 1ST N. H. BRIGADE.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—At the meeting of the governor and council today, the following appointments were made: Benjamin F. Dame of Newmarket to be trustee of the state normal school, to succeed himself; Edward E. Nowell of Exeter, to be trustee of the state industrial school, to succeed Orange S. Brown of Salmon Falls, deceased; Charles M. Ferrin of Concord, to be deputy steamboat inspector.

The nomination of Jason E. Tolles of Nashua to command the first brigade, New Hampshire National Guard, was confirmed.

Thursday, April 21, was appointed as Fast day.

SUB TREASURY

HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO MILITARY CAMP.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9—Despite the legal holiday of seven days declared by Gov. Warfield, the United States subtreasury re-opened for business today on the direction of the secretary of the treasury and the building has been converted into a military camp to avert any possible attempt at looting or other disorders. Sec. Shaw and Assistant Treasurer A. Lincoln Dryden had a long conference by telephone today, as a result of which the treasury department will send supplies of money to reinforce the present resources of the sub-treasury and this money, which will be received tomorrow morning, will be added to from time to time to any amount needed to meet the demands of the business interests of Baltimore, so suddenly crippled of banking facilities.

MAY BE SAVED.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 9.—The fishing schooner Jessie, which was caught in the ice off Truro yesterday, made some progress towards working herself free today. It is now thought she may be saved.

SAMUEL GOMPERS HEARD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was heard by the house judiciary committee yesterday in favor of the anti-injunction bill. He said the influence of the federal power should not be against labor unions, and that the government should be neutral.

PICKED UP BY VESSEL.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 9.—Word was received today from Joseph A. Perry and Joe Wacgor, members of the crew of the fishing schooner Annie E. Perry, who were lost in the fog yesterday, were safe at Portsmouth, N. H. The message did not indicate how they reached there, but it is thought they were picked up by a passing vessel.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—Cotton spot closed quiet; middling uplands 14.55; middling gulf 14.80; sales, 105 bales.

From Late Editions Yesterday

WORK ON RUINS

WALLS OF BURNED BUILDING WILL BE TORN DOWN.

The work of tearing down the walls of the Fellows building in Middle street preparatory to rebuilding will soon be under way. Shortly after the fire occurred in this building a contractor was set to work clearing the debris, and now as nearly all of the debris has been removed, a staging has been erected on the inside of the building near the rear wall, and the work of tearing down that wall will soon commence. Four of the stories of this wall are standing but as the top story has bulged considerable and there are signs of the third story being weak the two top stories of brick will be torn down as far as the elevator well, that strip of wall from the elevator well to the Palmer street wall being in good condition.

But two stories of the wall in Middle street are standing, the third and fourth stories having fallen into the street the night of the fire. As the brown stone window tops on the second story were heated to such a height on the night of the fire they have been condemned and the second story will be torn down.

The wall on the Palmer street side of the building seems to be in good condition and it is understood that this will be left standing. There has been considerable talk about building a wall on the western end of the building or that side next to the Urban block, there being only a party wall. As to whether or not another wall will be built on that side of the building will be settled later. The work of building will be pushed ahead with all possible haste.

HOSMER CASE

HOUSEKEEPER SAYS DOCTOR WANTED TO MARRY HER.

Judge McIntire of the Middlesex probate court at East Cambridge gave a hearing yesterday on the petition of Dr. Thomas Hosmer of Bedford to remove the conservator appointed by the court some time ago. The conservator is his son, Ernest Hosmer.

Minnie De Knight, housekeeper at the Hosmer household, testified that Dr. Hosmer had made statements to her regarding alleged actions by his wife, now dead. He claimed that over 50 men in Bedford had been intimate with his wife. In 1902, witness said, Dr. Hosmer mentioned marriage to her, and repeated his offer in September last. Witness refused him, and he chased her around the room to see how much she weighed. She said that on another occasion he said she intended to shoot Judge McIntire.

John N. Marean, an attorney, testified that he had acted for Dr. Hosmer since January, 1901. One matter was in reference to an alleged promise on the part of Dr. Hosmer to marry a Mrs. Hill. Witness settled the case for $350. He also acted for the doctor in a suit brought by a man named Cavanaugh, who alleged slander. The addamnum was $10,000. Witness settled this case after the appointment of the conservator.

Ernest H. Hosmer testified that he had been a member of the school board of Bedford nine years, six years as chairman. His mother left an estate valued at $20,000, of which $10,000 was personal. One day his father said that an administrator should be appointed, and suggested either one of them or a third party. The son favored a third party, and he testified that the father went into a rage. He claimed that his father asked to see his mother's personal property, and when he handed it to him he looked things over and left it scattered about on chairs and moaned over it. He then suggested that for safekeeping he was going to bury it under the plazza of one of the houses.

PERSONALS

Brother John Doherty, a novice in the Oblate novitiate in Tewksbury, is seriously ill.

Mrs. Christina Clough of this city is the president of the Department of Massachusetts Ladies of the G. A. R., and has been urged to serve another term. She is a native of Canterbury, N. H., and has worked with the order for nine years. Another candidate for the office, if Mrs. Clough declines to serve, is Mrs. Jennie Austin, who is a past president of Martha Washington circle 5 of Lynn and a senior vice-president of the order.

Rev. Dr. George E. Martin was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Pilgrim church of Nashua, Friday evening.

Miss Ella M. Fletcher has been awarded a free scholarship at Boston university. Miss Fletcher is a graduate of the Lowell High school, class of 1902.

Principal Crosby of the Textile school, is to lecture on the 19th inst. at Fitchburg in the High school course on "Textile Education in Massachusetts."

Among the Lowell girls returning to Wellesley after a brief vacation was Bertha M. Swanton, who has just recovered from a severe case of tonsilitis.

At the annual state convention of the Women's Relief corps held in Boston today and tomorrow, the delegates from James A. Garfield W. R. C., No. 33, are: Mrs. Louise H. Blood, president; Mrs. Elvira E. Gladwin, past president; Mrs. Annie E. Tuttle and Mrs. Martha F. Smiley.

ANNIVERSARY MASS.

An anniversary high mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., was celebrated this morning at 8 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church by Rev. Eugene A. Dorgan, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Wade Smith, O. M. I., as sub-deacon. Rev. Laurence Tighe, O. M. I., was master of ceremonies. The choir directed by Mr. P. P. Haggerty sang the Gregorian mass.

LICENSE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—The state license commission made its first report to the governor and council today, covering the seven months from the going into effect of the law up to Dec. 31, 1903.

The number of applications for licenses in that time was 1,286, of which 1,061 were granted. The total receipts have been $342,369.10, of which $274,909.84 has been distributed to the cities, towns and counties; $16,284.54 has been paid out in expenses; and $49,527.31 is on hand. The report makes no recommendations as to changes in the law. It is stated that there are now few unlicensed places where liquor is sold; that there are too many licensed places but that this will be regulated by time.

MACHEN'S STORY

Relative to the Groff Features

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The fifth and what is now conceded to be the last week of the postal trial began today. George E. Lorenz was recalled and identified a lease of the Crystal refinery given by him in July, 1893, to J. B. and E. B. Merrium of Cleveland, Ohio, the property later being sold to them for $46,500.

He was followed by August W. Machen, former superintendent of the rural free delivery division of the post-office department, the central figure in the case. Mr. Machen testified that his service in the Toledo postoffice began in September in 1886 and ended August 1, 1890. While still in office he said he and his uncle and George E., Charles W., and Henry L. Lorenz became associated in the oil business. For several years after leaving the Toledo office he said he and George Lorenz devoted their entire time to their oil venture.

He came to Washington and assumed his duties as assistant superintendent of free delivery in May, 1893.

Coming to the giving of the note for $35,000 by Lorenz, Machen said it represented the equity in what was known as the Machen interest in the oil business. He did not close with Lorenz at once, he said, because he had other purchasers in view. The note finally was given by Lorenz July 1, 1893.

"Will you tell the jury that you at that time actually sold to Lorenz your interest in this business?" he was asked.

"I did," said Machen with emphasis.

Mr. Machen admitted that sometimes he resorted to "kiting." When he wanted money in a hurry he testified he would draw on Lorenz. In order, however, not to catch Lorenz unawares when not in a position to meet the draft, he would send a check to meet it and ask him to hold it. He declared he had no financial interest whatever in the oil properties after receiving the note from Lorenz.

All of his time, Mr. Machen said, was taken up in the consideration of administrative matters of rural delivery.

Every blank in the rural free delivery, he said, was originally made with his own hand. It was impossible to give personal attention to the ordinary details of the service. He declared that Postmaster General Smith recognized the rural free delivery division as a bureau. Miss Lichhardt, he said, had been designated in January, 1902, by the postmaster general as chief clerk. After 1900 Mr. Machen assumed all the responsibility for Miss Liebhardt's acts, saying: "While I was compelled to have this mail signed and initialed by Miss Liebhardt, I have always assumed all the responsibility for every signature and every initial she has made."

After a brief pause Mr. Machen added: "I stand by it today."

Miss Liebhardt, he said, initialled probably 75 per cent. of the orders for Groff fasteners. Mr. Machen further said that in matters involving any change of policy he invariably took the initial action himself. He said that the rule of the department was to allow an inventor who presented something feasible to test his device at his own expense. This was done, he said, in Groff's case. Mr. Machen explained the introduction of the fastener in Washington by stating that he was told the Groffs were anxious to equip Washington with the device.

"I knew the benefits that would accrue from the introduction of the fastener," Mr. Machen said, "and knew of the defects of the old system."

Continuing Mr. Machen said he brought the matter personally to the attention of First Assistant Postmaster General Jones and pointed out the advantages to be gained by the use of the device. Washington, he said, was thereupon selected for the first use of the fasteners, "right under the eyes of my superior officers. Had there been any attempt at concealment or of a sliding in this first order Washington would not have been selected."

BOSTWICK'S PLEA

HE SAID GUILTY IN TAUNTON COURT.

TAUNTON, Feb. 9.—At the opening of the criminal session of the superior court, yesterday, Charles N. Bostwick was brought in with the other prisoners and given a seat in the dock. Soon after his counsel, David J. O'Connell, appeared, and was engaged in conversation with Bostwick up to the time of his arraignment.

Bostwick pleaded not guilty to each of the three indictments against him, and when asked if he had surety present, said that he had not at that moment, but expected to obtain bail later.

Miss Clark was not present, being out on bail, but will probably come in to plead later. The cases of both Bostwick and Miss Clark are on the present trial list, but it is understood that they may not be reached at this sitting.

At the noon recess Bostwick was returned to jail, where he will remain until called for trial, unless he secures $3000 bail in the interval.



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HANNA IMPROVING

There are No Complications Apparent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Senator Hanna was better yesterday and last night he was reported to be resting quietly. There are no complications and the vital organs are said to be performing their functions satisfactorily. An increased amount of nourishment was given the senator yesterday. In addition to the pasteurized milk which he has been taking since his illness, he took some white of egg, nearly all of which he retained. He apparently was stronger than on Monday and wanted to exert himself when it became necessary to change position. His spirits also seemed improved and for the first time he was permitted to have a ten minutes' conversation with his brother, H. M. Hanna. Mr. Hanna later said he was pleased with his brother's appearance, as he did not have the wasted look so frequently seen in typhoid cases.

During the day the senator's temperature went up to 103, which it had been on three separate occasions, and his pulse up to 96, the highest yet reached. The records of both temperature and pulse are in keeping with those ordinarily reached in cases of irregular typhoid from which the senator is suffering.

"At 8 p. m. Senator Hanna was resting quietly. His temperature was 102 6-10; pulse 94 and regular; respiration 21. There are no complications, and his general condition remains good.

(Signed) "RIXEY,
"CARTER."

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

ON THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

At Y. M. C. A. hall, last evening, Mr. A. C. Russell gave an illustrated lecture concerning his recent trip through Europe, including the Land of the Midnight Sun, to a large audience. Mr. W. A. Haywood manipulated the stereopticon. The lecture was very much enjoyed, and the views several of which were colored, embraced scenes in London, Eng., Austria, Hungary, Russia, including Poland, Holland, Carlsbad, the Saratoga of Europe, Germany, Sweden and the charming water-ways and waterfalls of Norway, till, in all its sublimity the sun is seen at midnight. Mr. Russell and his family were absent from Lowell 78 days; they visited seven different countries and used eight kinds of money.

At the conclusion of the lecture, ice cream and cake were passed by Mesdames J. H. Short, Natt Peabody, F. E. Waring, Burton Kinney, W. H. Fuller, W. G. McKay and Miss Harriet Jarvis and Messrs. Matt Johnson and F. E. Atkinson. Secretary Morse announced that Prof. Ober of the Textile school will give the address on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, the subject being "The Transmission of Sound." Experiments will be made with both telephone and phonograph.

IN LABOR HALLS

SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD LAST NIGHT.

The Carders' union held a largely attended meeting in their hall on Palmer street, last evening. Ten new members were taken into the union, while seven applications for membership were received.

The Metal Polishers' union held their regular monthly meeting in Machinists' hall last evening at which routine business was transacted.

At a largely attended meeting of the Printing Pressmen's union, held in Machinists' hall last evening, three new members were taken into the union. Two applications for membership were received. It is expected that the Printing Pressmen will have the union label installed in the two non-union shops in Lowell within a month's time.

The Painters' union held their regular weekly meeting in their rooms last evening at which three new members were taken into the union. There were also three applications for membership received.

At a meeting of Carpenters' union, local No. 49, held in their hall on Middle street last evening, an unusually large number of members were present.

MONTHLY SOCIAL.

Garfield colony, United Order Pilgrim Fathers held its usual monthly social following its regular meeting last evening. An oyster supper, kindly provided by one of the members and served by the well-known chef of the colony, ex-Gov. Howe, was partaken of by the large number present. Next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, this colony will observe its 22d anniversary by holding a public meeting. Supreme Governor Edward P. Lincoln of Boston and other supreme officers will be present. A male quartet, a reader and a soloist have been engaged to furnish the entertainment.

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BANK'S SHORTAGE

Is Due to Cashier's Bad Bookkeeping

WOLFBORO, N. H., Feb. 9.—Bank Commissioner Alpheus W. Baker of Lebanon expects that it will require several days before it is known just how affairs stand in the savings department of the Wolfboro Loan and Banking company, a shortage of $25,000 in which has been found. The savings department will remain closed until the books are straightened out.

The institution is the only bank here, the Lake National bank and Wolfboro Savings bank having closed their doors some years ago.

The shortage is alleged to have been due to erroneous bookkeeping on the part of the cashier, Charles F. Piper, who for more than a year has been an invalid. No accusation has been made against Mr. Piper and the errors discovered are thought to be explained by the fact that the man has not been in the best physical or mental condition for some time before he gave up business. As the bonds given by Mr. Piper nearly cover the amount of the shortage, it is thought that the institution will not be affected by the trouble. James E. French of Moultonboro, designated as a special auditor to examine the bank's books, reports that all the assets of the trust and banking department of the company are intact, but that the savings department has suffered from the faulty bookkeeping.

The Wolfboro Loan and Banking Co. was chartered in 1889. Albert O. Robinson of Sanbornville is president. It has a capital stock of $50,000 and deposits of $231,563 in the savings department.

EASTMAN IS HELD

Berlin Banker Indicted on 25 Counts

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—At 1.05 this afternoon the United States circuit court grand jury reported indictments under 25 different heads against Albert H. Eastman, the Berlin banker, whose case has been under consideration in this court since last December.

The counts charge that Eastman, as president of the Berlin National bank and director in the Gorham National bank, with a controlling interest in the stock of both banks standing in his name, misapplied and abstracted the funds, credits and moneys of both banks; and made false entries on the books of the Berlin National bank.

The time covered by the acts named is from July 26, 1902, to October 9, 1902, and the total amount involved in the various transactions is between $6000 and $7000.

An indictment was found by the grand jury against one other person which is not made public.

By order of the court certain papers filed with the indictment are likewise not made public.

The several other banks with which Eastman was connected do not figure in the counts of the indictment.

District Attorney Hamblett said that he could not make any statement as to the time of arrigning Eastman at present.

The grand jury which reported today has been in session 21 working days, numerous recesses having been taken at different times. This is said to be the longest grand jury session on record in the state.

LADIES OF CHARITY

HELD PRETTY PARTY IN AID OF ST. PATRICK'S.

The Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's church gave a beautiful party in Prescott hall, las evening for the benefit of St. Patrick's church and it was a social as well as a financial success. A limited number of tickets were distributed and those who were fortunate enough to procure them considered the party one of the best of the season. The credit of the success of the affair was due principally to Miss Abbie M. Smith, who was the leading spirit of the occasion, having general charge of affairs.

Whist was enjoyed from 8 to 9.30 o'clock when dancing was started and continued until midnight. The hall was daintily adorned with streamers of red and nile green crepe paper hung in graceful folds, while the stage, occupied by Hibbard's orchestra, was covered with green.

The winners of the whist were: First lady's prize, beautiful gold locket, Miss Rosalie Roach; second lady's prize, pretty lamp, Miss Mary Phelan; gentlemen's first prize, stein, Mr. John Fahey; second gentlemen's prize, plaque, Mr. Frank Marren.

Miss Abbie M. Smith was assisted in the management of the affair by Mrs. Annie T. Coffey, Mrs. W. M. Barry, Miss Nora Murphy, Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, Mrs. Joseph Green, Mrs. Frank Brady, Mrs. Henry Roarke and Miss E. O'Donnell.

The floor director of the evening was Mr. Thomas J. O'Donnell, and the aids were: Andrew Grey, Dr. Harry Plunkett, John J. Sullivan, Frank Marren, Frank Brady, Frank Coughlin, W. A. Barry, J. Harry Flaherty, Mr. O'Malley, George E. Ward, R. H. Murphy, Joseph Green and John H. Murphy.

The decorations were in charge of Miss Smith, Mrs. W. T. Barry, Mrs. A. T. Coffey, Miss Nora Murphy, Miss Josephine Murphy and Miss Madeline Crevier.

The pretty dance orders in the shape of a heart and prettily decorated were the work of Misses Loretta L. Ward, Josephine Dunlavey and Josephine Murphy.

The condition of Assistant Chief Norton, who is at St. John's hospital, is improving daily, and it is thought that it will not be long before he will be able to leave for his home entirely recovered from his injury sustained at the O'Donnell & Gilbride store.

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FIERCE BATTLE STILL IS WAGED

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet attacked Port Arthur at midnight on Monday. Two Russian battleships and one Russian cruiser were disabled by torpedoes.

The battle is being continued this morning at a range of three miles. There has been no further damage.

ALEXIEFF'S REPORT OF JAPANESE ATTACK

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—Admiral Alexieff's official report of the attack by the Japanese is as follows:

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at or about midnight of Feb. 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch and the Russia Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for your majesty."

JAPANESE SEIZE RUSSIAN STEAMER

LONDON, Feb. 9.—7.15 p. m.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Shanghai, says it is credibly reported that the Russian mail steamer Mongolia which left Shanghai on Sunday has been captured by the Japanese off Shantung peninsula.

RUSSIA'S STRENGTH IN FIGHTING BOATS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The latest returns of Russian warships in the far east total ninety-four, including eight battleships, sixteen cruisers, seven gunboats and 56 torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats. Three more battleships and nine torpedo boats are to go to the far east in the spring.

SECRETARY HAY TO THE POWERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities and thereafter the neutrality and integrity of China must be recognized. Details of the note are not obtainable in advance of the receipt of the replies.

It is known, however, that exchanges already have taken place which justify the state department in expecting favorable responses to its note.

The matter has created a great sensation in diplomatic circles here.

THE CHINESE WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

PARIS, Feb. 9.—China, it is understood, has given official assurances that she will immediately issue a declaration of neutrality. This is considered highly important in view of the possibility of Chinese, impressed by the Japanese success at Port Arthur, joining the Japanese.

JAPANESE PEOPLE GOING TO CHINA

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese residents are leaving Port Arthur. On Monday a steamer took 100 and proceeded to Dalny, thence to Japan. Others are going to China. Admiral Alexieff tried to reassure them and promised protection to their families. Russian officers and foreign merchants are leaving here in fear that the Chinese will rise. War correspondents will use despatch boats. Foreign officers who have been refused permission to accompany the fleet probably will accompany the army.

NO SERIOUS BATTLE IS EXPECTED YET

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Baron Hayashi says the Japanese fleet is not likely to blockade Port Arthur. His knowledge of the Japanese naval plans as tentatively prepared, leads him and others here to believe that the Japanese fleet is now lying btween Che Foo and the Yalu river screening the landing of troops, one army corps at Fusan and two at Penyang, Korea.

Night torpedo attacks on the part of the Japanese fleet, will, it is believed, be kept up so long as the Russian fleet maintains its necessary position outside of Port Arthur. This will be done in the hope of breaking up the Russians' nerve.

The troops landing at Penyang will be pushed towards the Manchurian frontier. Those at Fusan will proceed to Seoul.

Unless Viceroy Alexieff assumes the aggressive no serious naval battle is expected until the disembarkation of the Japanese troops is completed.

THE INABA MARU NOT CAPTURED

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Baron Hayashi denies that Japan has purchased the Chilean warships Captain Prat, Chacabuco and Almirante Condell.

The Nippon company's London agents have heard nothing of the alleged capture of the steamer Inaba Mara, near Hong Kong, by Russian warships, as reported by a news agency in the United States today. It is asserted here that Russia has no warship in the vicinity of Hong Kong and that therefore the Inaba Maru cannot have been captured.

U. S. SQUADRON TO WATCH FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Orders will be cabled today to Rear Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Albany, New Orleans, Raleigh and Cincinnati from Subig bay to some point in Chinese waters yet to be determined for the purpose of observing the naval operations. It is expected that the squadron can coal and get under way within two days. Admiral Evans is expected to keep the battleship squadron in Philippine waters throughout the period of hostilities between Russia and Japan. This decision was reached at the cabinet meeting today after long consideration. It has been finally settled that the cruiser squadron will not go to Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS READY TO FIGHT

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The Russian Red Cross society already has sent 2000 beds to the far east and Sisters of Mercy are leaving.

The temper of the people which was indicated in the great personal demonstration accorded to their majesties at the imperial opera house last evening, the audiences rising and singing "God Save the Czar and Give Him Victory," was further manifested this morning, after the arrival of the news from Port Arthur in the crowds of volunteers who besieged the general staff offices.

The naval reserves have been called out. The action of the Japanese in attacking the Russian fleet without a declaration of war is denounced as an outrage by the Russians generally and the result. Instead of discouraging them, seems to have been to furnish the spark necessary to fire Russian patriotism.

The effect on the bourse, where it was rumored the full extent of the fighting at Port Arthur had not been made public, and that the engagement was still progressing, was that a resumption of the panic seemed absolutely inevitable. The market had no support, imperial fours falling another point. Lottery bonds were quoted at 36 roubles and bank stocks at 25.

BRYAN VICTORY

Court Gives Decision in His Favor

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 9.—In two decisions handed down today Judge Thayer in the superior court, sustains counsel for William J. Bryan in certain contentions growing out of the refusal of the probate court to admit to probate as a part of the will of the late P. S. Bennett, the sealed letter giving $50,000 to Mr. Bryan. One decision sustains a demurrer entered by counsel for Mr. Bryan to a plea in abatement filed in behalf of Mrs. Bennett, widow of the testator, from Mr. Bryan's appeal from the probate court's decision. The decision says in part:

"The situation was a peculiar one. The probate court knowing all the facts, permitted him (Mr. Bryan) to qualify as executor and afterwards allowed his appeal without requiring him to resign the executorship. If the appellant by his conduct has estopped himself from prosecuting this appeal or is holding inconsistent positions as respects the will or its probate, advantage can be taken of it, by a latter pleading or motion. There is no such inconsistency in his position to this appeal."

The other decision overrules a motion by counsel for Mrs. Bennett and other heirs to expunge certain portions of the answer of Mr. Bryan to the appeal brought by Mrs. Bennett.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—The sharp depression in foreign markets, on account of the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan had little effect in the opening dealings today in the stock market here. Gains and losses were very evenly divided and some of the important international stocks were conspicuous amongst the gains. Southern Pacific rose 2½, United States Steel pfd., ⅝ and Sugar and Brooklyn Transit about a point. The greatest losses were in Wabash pfd., which fell ⅝ and Louisville & Nashville ¾. The market was active and varied.

11 a. m.—The support accorded the market in the opening dealings alarmed the short interest and they bought heavily of all the leaders, causing prices to rise abruptly. Before the expiration of the first hour advances of a point or more had been made quite general throughout. The Penna. group, the Pacifics, St. Paul, Northwestern, Amalgamated, United States Steel pfd. and the tractions rose from 1 to 1⅝. Really pfd. gained 2 and Westinghouse Electric 5. Realizing sales forced prices slightly off at 11 o'clock and the market became dull.

Noon.—Prices did not continue to advance but reactions were resisted and some stocks came into the upward movement. Some of the southwesterns, Southern Railway pfd., General Electric and a few minor specialties gained 1 to 2. Brooklyn Transit rose 2 in all and Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis 3, Texas Pacific lost 1 and Colorado & Southern second pfd., 2. Bonds were steady.

1 p. m.—The market crept up slowly. St. Paul ,Atchison, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Penna., Amalgamated, U. S. Steel pfd., and Brooklyn Transit selling slightly higher than in the morning. In general, prices ruled at about the highest, but the inquiry was small. Ice pfd., moved up 2½ while Virginia-Carolina Chemical pfd., dropped six.

2 p. m.—Purchases were resumed and the favored stocks responded by touching a higher level. Advances in the most active stocks averaged 1½ and reached twice that in Consolidated Gas, General Electric and Continental Tobacco pfd. Lackawanna rose 4. The market gave way later when the room traders took profits. U. S. Steel pfd. was then marked up 2¼ and steadied the market.

BRITISH SCHOONER GROUNDED.

CHATHAM, Mass., Feb. 9—Carried off her course by the strong tide the British schooner Acacia, Capt. Ritrey, grounded on Shoreliff shoal early today. She was bound from New York for Liverpool, N. S., with 360 tons of coal. Capt. Kelley of Monomoy Point with his life saving crew reached the schooner, after a trip in which the men were badly handicapped by the ice which continually formed about their oars, and succeeded in floating the Acacia. Although the vessel was leaking 300 strokes an hour, Capt. Ritrey decided to proceed to his destination.

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FIERCE ATTACK

Made on Police Officer in Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Feb. 9.—A murderous assault upon a police officer in the discharge of his duties took place last night about 8 o'clock in the midst of the Italian quarters, which has been the scene of many such affairs before.

Officers Blair and Donovan, who patrol that dangerous locality, while making their rounds, were attracted to a grocery store near 123 Common street, where the proprietor had been assaulted by an Italian. The victim pointed out the man, who was disappearing into the house numbered 123, and the policemen gave chase.

The fugitive run up several flights and out through a trap door upon the flat roof, which is used to dry clothes.

Both officers were close upon the heels of the man and Policeman Blair was in the lead. Blair mounted the short ladder leading to the trap, and when half way out upon the roof, the Italian with a muttered imprecation plunged a knife into the breast of the officer. Blair staggered out upon the roof and was about to grapple with his assailant, when Officer Donovan, who was close behind, felled the user of the knife with a crack from his club.

The Italian struggled to his feet and turned upon the officer, but he was quickly subdued and handcuffed.

The wounded officer and the prisoner were removed to the station and Dr. Birmingham summoned. The physician ascertained that the knife had penetrated with a clean cut into the flesh, but was deflected from the heart by a rib. Dr. Birmingham stated that the officer's escape from instant death was narrow.

The name which the prisoner gave was Patricia Gordo. His head and face was covered with blood and his coat and shirt was stained with the crimson fluid.

In order to reach the officer's breast the knife would have to penetrate through his heavy winter coat, cardigan jacket, vest, outer shirt and a heavy undershirt.

Gordo was booked on the blotter for "assault with intent to kill," and his case will come up before Judge Stone today.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.46 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.45, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.45, 1.44, *1.56, w2.39, x3.03, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w6.00, 6.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.22, w7.00, 7.22, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30, 7.24, w8.15, 8.45, 9.20 a. m.; w12.05, w4.46, 4.25, w5.30, 6.58, w8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.60, x7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w6.06, w6.35, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, 6.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, x7.31, 8.33 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, x7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.43 a. m.; 4.26, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.16 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39, a. m.; *12.00, 1.00, *1.33, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.00, *1.39 (to Franklin only) 5.40, *8.10 p. m.

For Worcester, Bradford, Sanapee, Newport, (N. H.) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *10.10, 9.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *10.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.00, *8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *10.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
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THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a doll carriage, a go-cart or a handsome doll with a pound of tea or two pounds of coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 48 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Edwin L. Mott of Lowell, in said county, that he was lawfully married to Elenor Mott, now of Toronto Junction, Dominion of Canada, at Norwich, Dominion of Canada, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1887, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Elenor lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell; that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Elenor being wholly regardless of the same, at Lowell, on or about the ninth day of July, A. D. 1901, utterly deserted your libellant, and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a decree from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Elenor.

Dated this 28th day of January, A. D. 1904.

EDWIN L. MOTT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, February 1, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said court at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of March next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest, THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Leonade D. French, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

WALTER F. LEIGHTON, Adm.,
40 Middlesex St.,
Lowell, Mass.

Jan. 26, 1904.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—A wood and coal teamster at John P. Quinn's, junction of Gorham and 10x streets.

WANTED—A middle aged lady for a housekeeper and to care for children. Apply at 417 Lawrence street.

WANT first-class business man controlling $3000 to manage business in Lowell that will pay more than $2500 yearly; no scheme. National Cash Discount Co., Inc., 87 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.

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WANTED—Good pastry cook. Apply at 51 Muss. corp.

WANTED—Engineer; third-class license. Apply to W. H. Bagshaw, Wilson street.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Fox terrier pup, white, with brown ears, name and address on collar. Finder will please return to 332 Lincoln street. Reward.

LOST—Between Ash street and Merrimack mills, a pair of eyeglasses; Club on case. Reward at Sun office.

LOST—Saturday evening between Newhall and Union streets, brooch pin with photo on it. Reward at 11 Newhall St.

LOST—A garden mud at the Don Marche or on Merrimack street. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to 42 Branch street.

LOST—A sum of money between 557 Dutton and 11 Floral street. Finder return to Floyd street and receive reward.

LOST—A lady's silver watch with chatelaine pin. Finder please return to 93 Perry street and receive reward.

LOST—A shepherd dog, one months old. Finder please return to H. Duckett, 90 Concord street.

LOST—Monday afternoon between Chalifoux's store and Middle street entrance to Middlesex club, a pair of eyeglasses in case. Finder rewarded at Sun office.

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PIANO FOR SALE—We have two high grade pianos which were repossessed and are less than a year and a half old; they are in storage and can be bought for less than half the original cost; we do not want the trouble and expense of shipping these pianos back to Boston; fully guaranteed and can be bought on the easiest possible terms. Address I. R. Caine, care Sun office.

FOR SALE—An almost new upright piano, 17 Manufacturers street, off Short street. Joseph Youngjohns.

$350 PIANO for sale at a bargain, as party is leaving city. Call at 10 Summer street between 2 and 4 and 7 and 9 p. m.

FOR SALE—Drug store, easy terms. Address "Drugs," box 310, Fall River, Mass.

TO SELL—Second hand bath tub, stoves, ice chests, carpets, bed lounge, chairs and many smaller articles, cheap; will go quick. 1 Charles street court.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a good double drawers runner sleigh. Inquire at 25 Cross street.

FOR SALE—Fine double sleigh, built to order, nearly new; owner having no further use for it will sell cheap. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

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FOR SALE—Goldfinches, green and gray linnets; also 200 young canaries; choice of this lot $1.50; also lot of gold fish at three for 25c at Moore's Bird Store, 147 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack St.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 81 Merrimack St., corner John.

SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK—$3 worth of any kind of trading stamps given with one pound of our 60c tea; $5 worth with our 50c tea; $3 worth with our 35c coffee; also fresh creamery butter from Vermont every week. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis square.

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DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

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STOVES—New and second-hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Midd

BALTIMORE'S TASK

Mayor Says Work of Resurrection Will be Begun

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Mayor McLane when asked for a statement today dictated the following to the Associated Press:

"Baltimore will now enter undaunted into the task of resurrection. A greater and more beautiful city will arise from the ruins and we shall make of this calamity a future blessing. We are staggered by the terrible blow, but we are not discouraged and every energy of the city as a municipality and its citizens as private individuals will be devoted to a rehabilitation that will not only prove the stuff we are made of but be a monument to the American spirit."

The creation of a seven-days' holiday, which was meant more for the financial institutions, has caused other establishments to close down and has resulted in bringing the people on the streets. Tens of thousands of persons have been rendered idle, temporarily at least, and for the want of something better to do visited the fire district. This gave the police and the soldiers more work, but the best of order prevailed.

The work of cleaning up the streets immediately surrounding the burned territory was begun at 10 o'clock. The street cleaning department assembled all its laborers near the city hall and with several hundred additional men marched them to Liberty and German streets, where the work was begun.

Where walls can be pulled down without endangering the men this will be done, after which they will clear the streets of the piles of brick and twisted iron. The streets within the fire area will not be touched for the present.

The hotel accommodations of Baltimore were not seriously impaired. Only two hotels were destroyed. All others are open and doing business as usual. The hotels near the fired district took extreme precautions during Sunday and Monday and some of them have not yet relaxed their rigid vigilance. The largest hotels has night and extra watchmen on duty who were constantly on the lookout for stray firebrands from the smouldering ruins.

Picture Baltimore's skyline today and the mind's eye has conceived the greatest fire desolation in the history of the country. It is not only a question of the number of squares, but the completeness of it all and the enormous value of property burned. High buildings in the vicinity of the fire zone provided observatories for those who were not permitted through the lines. Streets were impassable because of the great piles of debris, the building lines marked only by remnants of walls which had supported handsome skyscrapers.

Occasionally a column projected into the air. Those were in irregular lines, as some were in front, some side, and others rear walls. The effect was a conglomerate mass without lines of distinct demarcation. Dynamiting has continued today.

Nearly all the illustrated weeklies as well as the daily papers have their picture-making forces in the field.

The previously unexplored part of the burned section is in the south end, where the fire raged all day. The list of losses in that vicinity would be a complete directory of all properties.

Where the fire started, at John E. Hurst & Co.'s dry goods store, in Liberty street, only one wall remains standing.

Bolts of cloth are thrown about the street, the first few folds charred and the balance to all appearances intact, yet, when lifted they crumble like charcoal.

At all street intersections are tangled skeins of wires which are being cut away. Steamers have pulled in at all the passenger wharves, south from Light and Pratt streets, and these properties are all in that section which do not bear the marks of the catastrophe. Around these steamers on all sides are scenes of utter desolation and into the basin flows a river of water from the higher ruins to the north.

All of the wharves in that section of the city are in ruins and it will take many weeks to repair the damage sufficiently for the unloading of supplies.

After an investigation it is announced that the vaults of the Continental Trust Co. which contains securities to the value of $200,000,000 are intact. The vaults of the Maryland Trust Co., and those of the Mercantile Trust Co., have not been damaged in the least. The bank of Brown Brothers, directly in the path of the flames, practically escaped without loss.

This discovery will enormously reduce the estimated losses. Officers of these corporations went into the ruins. To their astonishment in many instances the strong rooms and safes opened to the combinations and revealed paper amounting to hundreds of millions absolutely unscorched. H. H. Beasley, of the Continental Trust Co., said to the Associated Press:

"I have just made a thorough examination and find that our securities are not damaged in the least. We have stored in our vaults securities amounting to more than $200,000,000. Our building is also in fine condition. We could open for business at a moment's notice if only the debris was cleared away."

The Continental Trust Co.'s building was erected at a cost of $1,425,00 and was in the direct sweep of the flames.

The most remarkable and fortunate escape made by any company within the fire belt was probably that of Brown Bros., bankers, whose building is directly opposite the Continental Trust Co. Every vault in this building was intact. Not a desk in the structure was damaged to any extent and the carpet on the floor of Mr. Brown's private office was in the same condition as when the bank closed its doors on Saturday afternoon.

The metal finishing on the skylight of this structure melted like snow and ran down on top of desks directly beneath the cupola. This will give some idea of the intense heat to which this structure was subjected. Mr. Brown said that the damage to his firm would not exceed $5000 and possibly would not reach that figure.

Officers of the Mercantile Trust Co. and the Maryland Trust Co. also found their securities intact and said they could resume business at once if the debris was cleared away.

Insurance men representing the great companies met today and formed an organization to expedite the adjustment of the losses.

After a meeting of the representatives of insurance companies today it was announced that they estimated the loss at $125,00,000 with insurance to the amount of $90,000,000.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and immediately resolved itself into a "general loss committee."

The committee will supervise the details of the general plan of adjustment, and will hold meetings daily at the headquarters. The committee was authorized to establish headquarters and employ an office staff. Among the companies represented at the meeting are the Aetna, the Springfield Fire and Marine Co. of Massachusetts; the Mercantile Ins. Co., of Boston; the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford; the New Hampshire of Manchester; the Hartford of Hartford and the Phoenix of Hartford.

The individual insurance men who have made a thorough inspection of the burned district, give estimates of the property loss that tally closely with that of the adjusters, namely $125,000,000. This is based on information as to the bulk of the insurance placed by the establishments now in ruins, the proportion of the burned area that was occupied by the heavily protected concerns, the average losses of insurance companies in large fires and by close figuring on the premium receipts of the companies. The total premium receipts on the city's business, as reported to the Baltimore salvage corps approximates $1,500,000.

Offers of financial aid and sympathy are piling up at the office of Mayor McLane and all attempts to answer them has been abandoned.

Fortunately very few poor have been affected by the fire. The burned portion of the city was occupied almost entirely by manufacturing and commercial properties and the business men are trying to get on without outside aid. They take a bravely cheerful view of the situation and the expression was heard frequently that "this will be the making of Baltimore."

Mayor McLane said today that he would not consider the proffers of aid until tomorrow.

BIG ADVANCE

IN REAL ESTATE IN BALTIMORE TODAY.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—Prices of real estate are rising. As high as $50,000 was today asked for property, a week worth $3,000. Many firms whose places of business were destroyed by the fire are paying enormous prices for temporary offices. Actual transfers of real estate have been made at two and three thousand dollars in excess of valuations placed upon the property before the fire.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

HAS BILL FOR SETTLEMENT OF LAND DAMAGES.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Attorney General Parker presented to the committee on judiciary of the legislature today a bill for a more speedy settlement of land damages in cases where property is acquired by state, city or town authorities by eminent domain. Under the present law owners having their property taken are obliged to wait an average of nearly two years before receiving any compensation. Mr. Parker's bill provides that the state, city or town authorities shall make an award within a few weeks after taking property and provides for a settlement of the damages at once.

COTTON MARKET

IS STILL NERVOUS AND UNSETTLED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—The cotton market was less excited than yesterday, but still very nervous and unsettled. Opening prices were 25 to 32 points higher on the old and from 10 to 15 points higher on the new crop months. Following the call the market showed a further advance of a few points, but shortly after eased off to within 10 or 12 points of yesterday's close on the active months.

NINE ARE DEAD

Two "Soo" Trains Were in Collision

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 9.—A collision occurred near Sand Point early today between the "Soo" train going east and a westbound "Soo" train in which nine persons were killed and 12 injured. The dead so far as known are:

ENGINEER JACKSON,
EXPRESS MESSENGERS ROBERTSON AND THOMPSON,
NEWS AGENT McMILLEN,

Five passengers occupying second class cars, whose names have not been ascertained.

The injured are:
Fireman Dubois,
Mail Clerk Black,
Baggageman Tpole,
Engineer Dudley
A fireman and six passengers.

The extent of their injuries has not been learned. According to an official statement given out by the Canadian Pacific company the accident was due to the crew of the westbound train failing to obey orders.

RECEIVER'S BOND

Has Been Placed at $100,000

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 9.—The U. S. Shipbuilding Co.'s case came up before Judge Kirkpatrick in the United States circuit court today when orders which are considered practically to settle the controversy were drawn up, agreed on, embodied in a decree and signed by the court. These motions were made by Mr. Untermyer in behalf of the complainants in the suit. They were:

That the shipbuilding company be declared insolvent; that a permanent receiver be appointed; that Charles M. Schwab be made a party defendant; and that the cause be tried in open court. Counsel for the temporary receiver announced that he would agree to the consolidation of the suits. There was no objection by the shipbuilding company's lawyers and a motion to that effect previously made was thereby disposed of.

By the terms of the decree signed today, the bond of Receiver Smith, who will be the permanent receiver, is placed at $100,000. Judge Kirkpatrick said he would be engaged for a couple of months and anyhow he did not know what further testimony it was necessary to take in the matter of the trial of the case in open court.

COTTON GINNED

REPORT ISSUED BY THE CENSUS OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—The report issued by the census office of the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 up to and including Jan. 16, 1904, shows that 30,171 ginneries were operated and that these ginned 9,869,227 commercial bales. Counting round bales as half bales the number is 9,486,537, which compares with 8,906,603 and 10,588,250 bales to Dec. 13, 1902, and to March 14, 1903, respectively.

The report for the entire country is as follows: 9,038,590 square bales, 747,480 round bales, 72,907 sea island crop bales, 9,859,277 total commercial bales. The total commercial bales ginned from the crop of 1902 to Dec. 13, 1902, was 9,311,835 and to March 14, 1903, was 11,078,882.

JASON E. TOLLES

MADE COMMANDER OF 1ST N. H. BRIGADE.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—At the meeting of the governor and council today, the following appointments were made: Benjamin F. Dame of Newmarket to be trustee of the state normal school, to succeed himself; Edward E. Nowell of Exeter, to be trustee of the state industrial school, to succeed Orange S. Brown of Salmon Falls, deceased; Charles M. Ferrin of Concord, to be deputy steamboat inspector.

The nomination of Jason E. Tolles of Nashua to command the first brigade, New Hampshire National Guard, was confirmed.

Thursday, April 21, was appointed as Fast day.

SUB TREASURY

HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO MILITARY CAMP.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9—Despite the legal holiday of seven days declared by Gov. Warfield, the United States subtreasury re-opened for business today on the direction of the secretary of the treasury and the building has been converted into a military camp to avert any possible attempt at looting or other disorders. Gen. Shaw and Assistant Treasurer A. Lincoln Dryden had a long conference by telephone today, as a result of which the treasury department will send supplies of money to reinforce the present resources of the sub-treasury and this money, which will be received tomorrow morning, will be added to from time to time to any amount needed to meet the demands of the business interests of Baltimore, so suddenly crippled of banking facilities.

MAY BE SAVED.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 9.—The fishing schooner Jessie, which was caught in the ice off Truro yesterday, made some progress towards working herself free today. It is now thought she may be saved.

SAMUEL GOMPERS HEARD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was heard by the house judiciary committee yesterday in favor of the anti-injunction bill. He said the influence of the federal power should not be against labor unions, and that the government should be neutral.

PICKED UP BY VESSEL.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 9.—Word was received today from Joseph A. Perry and Jon Wnegor, members of the crew of the fishing schooner Annie E. Perry, who were lost in the fog yesterday, were safe at Portsmouth, N. H. The message did not indicate how they reached there, but it is thought they were picked up by a passing vessel.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—Cotton spot closed quiet; middling uplands 14.25; middling gulf 14.50; sales, 105 bales.

From Late Editions Yesterday

WORK ON RUINS

WALLS OF BURNED BUILDING WILL BE TOIN DOWN.

The work of tearing down the walls of the Fellows building in Middle street preparatory to rebuilding will soon be under way. Shortly after the fire occurred in this building a contractor was set to work clearing the debris, and now as nearly all of the debris has been removed, a staging has been erected on the inside of the building near the rear wall, and the work of tearing down that wall will soon commence. Four of the stories of this wall are standing but as the top story has bulged considerable and there are signs of the third story being weak the two top stories of brick will be torn down as far as the elevator well, that strip of wall from the elevator well to the Palmer street wall being in good condition.

But two stories of the wall in Middle street are standing, the third and fourth stories having fallen into the street the night of the fire. As the brown stone window tops on the second story were heated to such a height on the night of the fire they have been condemned and the second story will be torn down.

The wall on the Palmer street side of the building seems to be in good condition and it is understood that this will be left standing. There has been considerable talk about building a wall on the western end of the building or that side next to the Urban block, there being only a party wall. As to whether or not another wall will be built on that side of the building will be settled later. The work of building will be pushed ahead with all possible haste.

HOSMER CASE

HOUSEKEEPER SAYS DOCTOR WANTED TO MARRY HER.

Judge McIntire of the Middlesex probate court at East Cambridge gave a hearing yesterday on the petition of Dr. Thomas Hosmer of Bedford to remove the conservator appointed by the court some time ago. The conservator is his son, Ernest Hosmer.

Minnie De Knight, housekeeper at the Hosmer household, testified that Dr. Hosmer had made statements to her regarding alleged actions by his wife, now dead. He claimed that over 50 men in Bedford had been intimate with his wife. In 1902, witness said, Dr. Hosmer mentioned marriage to her, and repeated his offer in September last. Witness refused him, and he chased her around the room to see how much she weighed. She said that on another occasion he said she intended to shoot Judge McIntire.

John N. Marean, an attorney, testified that he had acted for Dr. Hosmer since January, 1901. One matter was in reference to an alleged promise on the part of Dr. Hosmer to marry a Mrs. Hill. Witness settled the case for $350. He also acted for the doctor in a suit brought by a man named Cavanaugh, who alleged slander. The addamnum was $10,000. Witness settled this case after the appointment of the conservator.

Ernest H. Hosmer testified that he had been a member of the school board of Bedford nine years, six years as chairman. His mother left an estate valued at $20,000, of which $10,000 was personal. One day his father said that an administrator should be appointed, and suggested either one of them or a third party. The son favored a third party, and he testified that the father went into a rage. He claimed that his father asked to see his mother's personal property, and when he handed it to him he looked things over and left it scattered about on chairs and moaned over it. He then suggested that for safekeeping he was going to bury it under the plazza of one of the houses.

PERSONALS

Brother John Doherty, a novice in the Oblate novitiate in Tewksbury, is seriously ill.

Mrs. Christina Clough of this city is the president of the Department of Massachusetts Ladies of the G. A. R., and has been urged to serve another term. She is a native of Canterbury, N. H., and has worked with the order for nine years. Another candidate for the office, if Mrs. Clough declines to serve, is Mrs. Jennie Austin, who is a past president of Martha Washington circle 5 of Lynn and a senior vice-president of the order.

Rev. Dr. George E. Martin was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Pilgrim church of Nashua, Friday evening.

Miss Ella M. Fletcher has been awarded a free scholarship at Boston university. Miss Fletcher is a graduate of the Lowell High school, class of 1902.

Principal Crosby of the Textile school, is to lecture on the 19th inst. at Fitchburg in the High school course on "Textile Education in Massachusetts."

Among the Lowell girls returning to Wellesley after a brief vacation was Bertha M. Swanton, who has just recovered from a severe case of tonsilitis.

At the annual state convention of the Women's Relief corps held in Boston today and tomorrow, the delegates from James A. Garfield W. R. C., No. 33, are: Mrs. Louise M. Blood, president; Mrs. Elvira E. Gladwin, past president; Mrs. Annie E. Tuttle and Mrs. Martha F. Smiley.

ANNIVERSARY MASS.

An anniversary high mass for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. William D. Joyce, O. M. I., was celebrated this morning at 8 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church by Rev. Eugene A. Dorgan, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Lawrence, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Wade Smith, O. M. I., as sub-deacon. Rev. Laurence Tighe, O. M. I., was master of ceremonies. The choir directed by Mr. P. P. Ruggerty sang the Gregorian mass.

LICENSE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—The state license commission made its first report to the governor and council today, covering the seven months from the going into effect of the law up to Dec. 31, 1903.

The number of applications for licenses in that time was 1,286, of which 1,051 were granted. The total receipts have been $342,369.10, of which $274,909.84 has been distributed to the cities, towns and counties; $16,284.54 has been paid out in expenses; and $49,527.31 is on hand. The report makes no recommendations as to changes in the law. It is stated that there are now few unlicensed places where liquor is sold; that there are too many licensed places but that this will be regulated by time.

MACHEN'S STORY

Relative to the Groff Features

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The fifth and what is now conceded to be the last week of the postal trial began today. George E. Lorenz was recalled and identified a lease of the Crystal refinery given by him in July, 1893, to J. B. and E. B. Merriam of Cleveland, Ohio, the property later being sold to them for $46,500.

He was followed by August W. Machen, former superintendent of the rural free delivery division of the post-office department, the central figure in the case. Mr. Machen testified that his service in the Toledo postoffice began in September in 1886 and ended August 1, 1890. While still in office he said he and his uncle and George E., Charles W., and Henry L. Lorenz became associated in the oil business. For several years after leaving the Toledo office he said he and George Lorenz devoted their entire time to their oil venture.

He came to Washington and assumed his duties as assistant superintendent of free delivery in May, 1893.

Coming to the giving of the note for $25,091 by Lorenz, Machen said it represented the equity in what was known as the Machen interest in the oil business. He did not close with Lorenz at once, he said, because he had other purchasers in view. The note finally was given by Lorenz July 1, 1893.

"Will you tell the jury that you at that time actually sold to Lorenz your interest in this business?" he was asked.

"I did," said Machen with emphasis.

Mr. Machen admitted that sometimes he resorted to "kiting." When he wanted money in a hurry he testified he would draw on Lorenz. In order, however, not to catch Lorenz unawares when not in a position to meet the draft, he would send a check to meet it and ask him to hold it. He declared he had no financial interest whatever in the oil properties after receiving the note from Lorenz.

All of his time, Mr. Machen said, was taken up in the consideration of administrative matters of rural delivery.

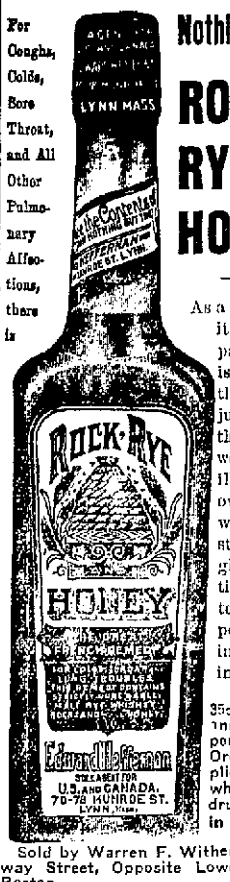
Every blank in the rural free delivery, he said, was originally made with his own hand. It was impossible to give personal attention to the ordinary details of the service. He declared that Postmaster General Smith recognized the rural free delivery division as a bureau. Miss Liebhardt, he said, had been designated in January, 1902, by the postmaster general as chief clerk. After 1900 Mr. Machen assumed all the responsibility for Miss Liebhardt's acts, saying: "While I was compelled to have this mail signed and initialed by Miss Liebhardt, I have always assumed all the responsibility for every signature and every initial she has made."

After a brief pause Mr. Machen added: "I stand by it today."

Miss Liebhardt, he said, initialled probably 75 per cent. of the orders for Groff fasteners. Mr. Machen further said that in matters involving any change of policy he invariably took the initial action himself. He said that the rule of the department was to allow an inventor who presented something feasible to test his device at his own expense. This was done, he said, in Groff's case. Mr. Machen explained the introduction of the fastener in Washington by stating that he was told the Groffs were anxious to equip Washington with the device.

"I knew the benefits that would accrue from the introduction of the fastener," Mr. Machen said, "and knew of the defects of the old system."

Continuing Mr. Machen said he brought the matter personally to the attention of First Assistant Postmaster General Jones and pointed out the advantages to be gained by the use of the device. Washington, he said, was thereupon selected for the first use of the fasteners, "right under the eyes of my superior officers. Had there been any attempt at concealment or of a sliding in this first order Washington would not have been selected."



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BOSTWICK'S PLEA

HE SAID GUILTY IN TAUNTON COURT.

TAUNTON, Feb. 9.—At the opening of the criminal session of the superior court, yesterday, Charles N. Bostwick was brought in with the other prisoners and given a seat in the dock. Soon after his counsel, David J. O'Connell, appeared, and was engaged in conversation with Bostwick up to the time of his arraignment.

Bostwick pleaded not guilty to each of the three indictments against him, and when asked if he had surety present, said that he had not at that moment, but expected to obtain bail later.

Miss Clark was not present, being out on bail, but will probably come in to plead later. The cases of both Bostwick and Miss Clark are on the present trial list, but it is understood that they may not be reached at this sitting.

At the noon recess Bostwick was returned to jail, where he will remain until called for trial, unless he secures $3000 bail in the interval.



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HANNA IMPROVING

There are No Complications Apparent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Senator Hanna was better yesterday and last night he was reported to be resting quietly. There are no complications and the vital organs are said to be performing their functions satisfactorily. An increased amount of nourishment was given the senator yesterday. In addition to the pasteurized milk which he has been taking since his illness, he took some white of egg, nearly all of which he retained. He apparently was stronger than on Monday and wanted to exert himself when it became necessary to change position. His spirits also seemed improved and for the first time he was permitted to have a ten minutes' conversation with his brother, H. M. Hanna. Mr. Hanna later said he was pleased with his brother's appearance, as he did not have the wasted look so frequently seen in typhoid cases.

During the day the senator's temperature went up to 103, which it had been on three separate occasions, and his pulse up to 96, the highest yet reached. The records of both temperature and pulse are in keeping with those ordinarily reached in cases of irregular typhoid from which the senator is suffering.

"At 8 p. m. Senator Hanna was resting quietly. His temperature was 102 6-10; pulse 94 and regular; respiration 24. There are no complications, and his general condition remains good.

(Signed) "RIXEY,
"CARTER."

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

ON THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

At Y. M. C. A. hall, last evening, Mr. A. C. Russell gave an illustrated lecture concerning his recent trip through Europe, including the Land of the Midnight Sun, to a large audience Mr. W. A. Haywood manipulated the stereopticon. The lecture was very much enjoyed, and the views several of which were colored, embraced scenes in London, Eng., Austria, Hungary, Russia, including Poland, Holland, Carlsbad, the Saratoga of Europe, Germany, Sweden and the charming water-ways and waterfalls of Norway, till, in all its sublimity the sun is seen at midnight. Mr. Russell and his family were absent from Lowell 78 days; they visited seven different countries and used eight kinds of money.

At the conclusion of the lecture, ice cream and cake were passed by Mesdames J. H. Short, Natt Peabody, F. E. Waring, Burton Kinney, W. H. Fuller, W. G. McKay and Miss Harriet Jarvis and Messrs. Matt Johnson and F. E. Atkinson. Secretary Morse announced that Prof. Ober of the Textile school will give the address on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, the subject being "The Transmission of Sound." Experiments will be made with both telephone and phonograph.

IN LABOR HALLS

SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD LAST NIGHT.

The Carders' union held a largely attended meeting in their hall on Palmer street, last evening. Ten new members were taken into the union, while seven applications for membership were received.

The Metal Polishers' union held their regular monthly meeting in Machinists' hall last evening at which routine business was transacted.

At a largely attended meeting of the Printing Pressmen's union, held in Machinists' hall last evening, three new members were taken into the union. Two applications for membership were received. It is expected that the Printing Pressmen will have the union label installed in the two non-union shops in Lowell within a month's time.

The Painters' union held their regular weekly meeting in their rooms last evening at which three new members were taken into the union. There were also three applications for membership received.

At a meeting of Carpenters' union, local No. 49, held in their hall on Middle street last evening, an unusually large number of members were present.

MONTHLY SOCIAL.

Garfield colony, United Order Pilgrim Fathers held its usual monthly social following its regular meeting last evening. An oyster supper, kindly provided by one of the members and served by the well-known chef of the colony, ex-Gov. Howe, was partaken of by the large number present. Next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, this colony will observe its 22d anniversary by holding a public meeting. Supreme Governor Edward P. Lincoln of Boston and other supreme officers will be present. A male quartet, a reader and a soloist have been engaged to furnish the entertainment.

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BANK'S SHORTAGE

Is Due to Cashier's Bad Bookkeeping

WOLFBORO, N. H., Feb. 9.—Bank Commissioner Alpheus W. Baker of Lebanon expects that it will require several days before it is known just how affairs stand in the savings department of the Wolfboro Loan and Banking company, a shortage of $25,000 in which has been found. The savings department will remain closed until the books are straightened out.

The institution is the only bank here, the Lake National bank and Wolfboro Savings bank having closed their doors some years ago.

The shortage is alleged to have been due to erroneous bookkeeping on the part of the cashier, Charles F. Piper, who for more than a year has been an invalid. No accusation has been made against Mr. Piper and the errors discovered are thought to be explained by the fact that the man has not been in the best physical or mental condition for some time before he gave up business. As the bonds given by Mr. Piper nearly cover the amount of the shortage, it is thought that the institution will not be affected by the trouble. James E. French of Moultonboro, designated as a special auditor to examine the bank's books, reports that all the assets of the trust and banking department of the company are intact, but that the savings department has suffered from the faulty bookkeeping.

The Wolfboro Loan and Banking Co. was chartered in 1882. Albert O. Robinson of Sanbornville is president. It has a capital stock of $50,000 and deposits of $231,563 in the savings department.

EASTMAN IS HELD

Berlin Banker Indicted on 25 Counts

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 9.—At 1.05 this afternoon the United States circuit court grand jury reported indictments under 25 different heads against Albert H. Eastman, the Berlin banker, whose case has been under consideration in this court since last December.

The counts charge that Eastman, as president of the Berlin National bank and director in the Gorham National bank, with a controlling interest in the stock of both banks standing in his name, misapplied and abstracted the funds, credits and moneys of both banks; and made false entries on the books of the Berlin National bank.

The time covered by the acts named is from July 26, 1902, to October 9, 1902, and the total amount involved in the various transactions is between $6000 and $7000.

An indictment was found by the grand jury against one other person which is not made public.

By order of the court certain papers filed with the indictment are likewise not made public.

The several other banks with which Eastman was connected do not figure in the counts of the indictment.

District Attorney Hamblett said that he could not make any statement as to the time of arriging Eastman at present.

The grand jury which reported today has been in session 21 working days, numerous recesses having been taken at different times. This is said to be the longest grand jury session on record in the state.

LADIES OF CHARITY

HELD PRETTY PARTY IN AID OF ST. PATRICK'S.

The Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's church gave a beautiful party in Prescott hall, last evening for the benefit of St. Patrick's church and it was a social as well as a financial success. A limited number of tickets were distributed and those who were fortunate enough to procure them considered the party one of the best of the season. The credit of the success of the affair was due principally to Miss Abbie M. Smith, who was the leading spirit of the occasion, having general charge of affairs.

Whist was enjoyed from 8 to 9.30 o'clock when dancing was started and continued until midnight. The hall was daintily adorned with streamers of red and nile green crepe paper hung in graceful folds, while the stage, occupied by Hibbard's orchestra, was covered with green.

The winners of the whist were: First lady's prize, beautiful gold locket, Miss Rosalie Roach; second lady's prize, pretty lamp, Miss Mary Phelan; gentlemen's first prize, stein, Mr. John Fahey; second gentlemen's prize, placque, Mr. Frank Marren.

Miss Abbie M. Smith was assisted in the management of the affair by Mrs. Annie T. Coffey, Mrs. W. M. Barry, Miss Nora Murphy, Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, Mrs. Joseph Green, Mrs. Frank Brady, Mrs. Henry Roarke and Miss E. O'Donnell.

The floor director of the evening was Mr. Thomas J. O'Donnell, and the aids were: Andrew Grey, Dr. Harry Plunkett, John J. Sullivan, Frank Marren, Frank Brady, Frank Coughlin, W. A. Barry, J. Harry Flaherty, Mr. O'Malley, George E. Ward, R. H. Murphy, Joseph Green and John H. Murphy.

The decorations were in charge of Miss Smith, Mrs. W. T. Barry, Mrs. A. T. Coffey, Miss Nora Murphy, Miss Josephine Murphy and Miss Madeline Crevier.

The pretty dance orders in the shape of a heart and prettily decorated were the work of Misses Loretta L. Ward, Josephine Dunlavey and Josephine Murphy.

The condition of Assistant Chief Norton, who is at St. John's hospital, is improving daily, and it is thought that it will not be long before he will be able to leave for his home entirely recovered from his injury sustained at the O'Donnell & Gilbride store.

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FIERCE BATTLE STILL IS WAGED

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet attacked Port Arthur at midnight on Monday. Two Russian battleships and one Russian cruiser were disabled by torpedoes.

The battle is being continued this morning at a range of three miles. There has been no further damage.

ALEXIEFF'S REPORT OF JAPANESE ATTACK

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—Admiral Alexieff's official report of the attack by the Japanese is as follows:

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at or about midnight of Feb. 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch and the Russia Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for your majesty."

JAPANESE SEIZE RUSSIAN STEAMER

LONDON, Feb. 9.—7.15 p. m.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Shanghai, says it is credibly reported that the Russian mail steamer Mongolia which left Shanghai on Sunday has been captured by the Japanese off Shantung peninsula.

RUSSIA'S STRENGTH IN FIGHTING BOATS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The latest returns of Russian warships in the far east total ninety-four, including eight battleships, sixteen cruisers, seven gunboats and 56 torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats. Three more battleships and nine torpedo boats are to go to the far east in the spring.

SECRETARY HAY TO THE POWERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities and thereafter the neutrality and integrity of China must be recognized. Details of the note are not obtainable in advance of the receipt of the replies.

It is known, however, that exchanges already have taken place which justify the state department in expecting favorable responses to its note.

The matter has created a great sensation in diplomatic circles here.

THE CHINESE WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

PARIS, Feb. 9.—China, it is understood, has given official assurances that she will immediately issue a declaration of neutrality. This is considered highly important in view of the possibility of Chinese, impressed by the Japanese success at Port Arthur, joining the Japanese.

JAPANESE PEOPLE GOING TO CHINA

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese residents are leaving Port Arthur. On Monday a steamer took 100 and proceeded to Dalny, thence to Japan. Others are going to China. Admiral Alexieff tried to reassure them and promised protection to their families. Russian officers and foreign merchants are leaving here in fear that the Chinese will rise. War correspondents will use despatch boats. Foreign officers who have been refused permission to accompany the fleet probably will accompany the army.

NO SERIOUS BATTLE IS EXPECTED YET

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Baron Hayashi says the Japanese fleet is not likely to blockade Port Arthur. His knowledge of the Japanese naval plans so tentatively prepared, leads him and others here to believe that the Japanese fleet is now lying btween Che Foo and the Yalu river screening the landing of troops, one army corps at Fusan and two at Penyang, Korea.

Night torpedo attacks on the part of the Japanese fleet, will, it is believed, be kept up so long as the Russian fleet maintains its necessary position outside of Port Arthur. This will be done in the hope of breaking up the Russians' nerve.

The troops landing at Penyang will be pushed towards the Manchurian frontier. Those at Fusan will proceed to Seoul.

Unless Viceroy Alexieff assumes the aggressive no serious naval battle is expected until the disembarkation of the Japanese troops is completed.

THE INABA MARU NOT CAPTURED

LONDON, Feb. 9—Baron Hayashi denies that Japan has purchased the Chilean warships Capitan Prat, Chacabuco and Almirante Condell.

The Nippon company's London agents have heard nothing of the alleged capture of the steamer Inaba Mara, near Hong Kong, by Russian warships, as reported by a news agency in the United States today. It is asserted here that Russia has no warship in the vicinity of Hong Kong and that therefore the Inaba Maru cannot have been captured.

U. S. SQUADRON TO WATCH FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—Orders will be cabled today to Rear Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Albany, New Orleans, Raleigh and Cincinnati from Subig bay to some point in Chinese waters yet to be determined for the purpose of observing the naval operations. It is expected that the squadron can coal and get under way within two days. Admiral Evans is expected to keep the battleship squadron in Philippine waters throughout the period of hostilities between Russia and Japan. This decision was reached at the cabinet meeting today after long consideration. It has been finally settled that the cruiser squadron will not go to Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS READY TO FIGHT

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The Russian Red Cross society already has sent 2000 beds to the far east and Sisters of Mercy are leaving.

The temper of the people which was indicated in the great personal demonstration accorded to their majesties at the imperial opera house last evening, the audiences rising and singing "God Save the Czar and Give Him Victory," was further manifested this morning, after the arrival of the news from Port Arthur in the crowds of volunteers who besieged the general staff offices.

The naval reserves have been called out. The action of the Japanese in attacking the Russian fleet without a declaration of war is denounced as an outrage by the Russians generally and the result, instead of discouraging them, seems to have been to furnish the spark necessary to fire Russian patriotism.

The effect on the bourse, where it was rumored the full extent of the fighting at Port Arthur had not been made public, and that the engagement was still progressing, was that a resumption of the panic seemed absolutely inevitable. The market had no support, imperial fours falling another point. Lottery bonds were quoted at 36 roubles and bank stocks at 26.

BRYAN VICTORY

Court Gives Decision in His Favor

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 9.—In two decisions handed down today Judge Thayer in the superior court, sustains counsel for William J. Bryan in certain contentions growing out of the refusal of the probate court to admit to probate as a part of the will of the late P. S. Bennett, the sealed letter giving $50,000 to Mr. Bryan. One decision sustains a demurrer entered by counsel for Mr. Bryan to a plea in abatement filed in behalf of Mrs. Bennett, widow of the testator, from Mr. Bryan's appeal from the probate court's decision. The decision says in part:

"The situation was a peculiar one. The probate court knowing all the facts, permitted him (Mr. Bryan) to qualify as executor and afterwards allowed his appeal without requiring him to resign the executorship. If the appellant by his conduct has estopped himself from prosecuting this appeal or is holding inconsistent positions as respects the will or its probate, advantage can be taken of it, by a latter pleading or motion. There is no such inconsistency in his position to this appeal."

The other decision overrules a motion by counsel for Mrs. Bennett and other heirs to expunge certain portions of the answer of Mr. Bryan to the appeal brought by Mrs. Bennett.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—The sharp depression in foreign markets, on account of the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan had little effect in the opening dealings today in the stock market here. Gains and losses were very evenly divided and some of the important international stocks were conspicuous amongst the gains. Southern Pacific rose ¾, United States Steel pfd., ⅝ and Sugar and Brooklyn Transit about a point. The greatest losses were in Wabash pfd., which fell ⅝ and Louisville & Nashville ⅜. The market was active and varied.

11 a. m.—The support accorded the market in the opening dealings alarmed the short interest and they bought heavily of all the leaders causing prices to rise abruptly. Before the expiration of the first hour advances of a point or more had been made quite general throughout. The Penna. group, the Pacifics, St. Paul, Northwestern, Amalgamated, United States Steel pfd. and the tractions rose from 1 to 1⅝. Realty pfd. gained 2 and Westinghouse Electric 5. Realizing sales forced prices slightly off at 11 o'clock and the market became dull.

Noon.—Prices did not continue to advance but reactions were resisted and some stocks came late into the upward movement. Some of the southwesterns, Southern Railway pfd., General Electric and a few minor specialties gained 1 to 2. Brooklyn Transit rose 2 in all and Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis 3, Texas Pacific lost 1 and Colorado & Southern second pfd., 2. Bonds were steady.

1 p. m.—The market crept up slowly. St. Paul, Atchison, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Penna., Amalgamated, U. S. Steel pfd., and Brooklyn Transit selling slightly higher than in the morning. In general, prices ruled at about the highest, but the inquiry was small. Ice pfd., moved up 2½ while Virginia-Carolina Chemical pfd., dropped six.

2 p. m.—Purchases were resumed and the favored stocks responded by touching a higher level. Advances in the most active stocks averaged 1½ and reached twice that in Consolidated Gas, General Electric and Continental Tobacco pfd. Lackawanna rose 4. The market gave way later when the room traders took profits. U. S. Steel pfd. was then marked up 2¾ and steadied the market.

BRITISH SCHOONER GROUNDED.

CHATHAM, Mass., Feb. 9.—Carried off her course by the strong tide the British schooner Acacia, Capt. Ritcey, grounded on Shovelful shoal early today. She was bound from New York for Liverpool, N. S., with 160 tons of coal. Capt. Kelley of Monomoy Point with his life saving crew reached the schooner, after a trip in which the men were badly handicapped by the ice which continually formed about their oars, and succeeded in floating the Acacia. Although the vessel was leaking 300 strokes an hour, Capt. Ritcey decided to proceed to his destination.

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FIERCE ATTACK

Made on Police Officer in Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Feb. 9.—A murderous assault upon a police officer in the discharge of his duties took place last night about 8 o'clock in the midst of the Italian quarters, which has been the scene of many such affairs before.

Officers Blair and Donovan, who patrol that dangerous locality, while making their rounds, were attracted to a grocery store near 123 Common street, where the proprietor had been assaulted by an Italian. The victim pointed out the man, who was disappearing into the house numbered 123, and the policemen gave chase.

The fugitive ran up several flights and out through a trap door upon the flat roof, which is used to dry clothes.

Both officers were close upon the heels of the man and Policeman Blair was in the lead. Blair mounted the short ladder leading to the trap, and when half way out upon the roof, the Italian with a muttered imprecation plunged a knife into the breast of the officer. Blair staggered out upon the roof and was about to grapple with his assailant, when Officer Donovan, who was close behind, felled the user of the knife with a crack from his club.

The Italian struggled to his feet and turned upon the officer, but he was quickly subdued and handcuffed.

The wounded officer and the prisoner were removed to the station and Dr. Birmingham summoned. The physician ascertained that the knife had penetrated with a clean cut into the flesh, but was deflected from the heart by a rib. Dr. Birmingham stated that the officer's escape from instant death was narrow.

The name which the prisoner gave was Patricia Gordo. His head and face was covered with blood and his coat and shirt was stained with the crimson fluid.

In order to reach the officer's breast the knife would have to penetrate through his heavy winter coat, cardigan jacket, vest, outer shirt and a heavy undershirt.

Gordo was booked on the blotter for "assault with intent to kill," and his case will come up before Judge Stone today.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, wt6.50, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.48, wt8.00, *8.57, wt9.25, *9.50, wt10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; wt12.05, 12.14, wt12.45, 1.44, *1.16, wt2.30, x3.03, wt3.10, *3.47, wt3.55, 4.28, wt5.00, 5.22, x5.40, wt6.15, *6.22, wt7.00, 7.29, wt9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.39, 7.24, wt8.15, 8.45, 9.20 a. m.; wt12.05, wt4.05, 4.25, wt5.30, 5.58, wt8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, wt6.50, x7.31, wt8.30, wt9.25, wt10.50 a. m.; wt12.05, 1.28, wt2.30, wt3.55, wt5.06, wt6.15, wt7.00, wt9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, wt8.18 a. m.; wt12.05, wt5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; wt12.05, 1.28, x2.30, x3.55, wt5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, x7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, x3.55, wt5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, x7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, x7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.; 4.25, 5.53 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.56 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.16 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.38, *10.38, a. m.; *12.00, 1.00, *1.30, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.38 a. m.; *12.00, *1.30 (to Franklin only.) 5.40, *8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.30 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.38, *10.38 a. m.; 1.30 (p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *8.10, 9.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.38 a. m.; *1.30, *8.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.38 a. m.; *12.00, *8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line, *10.38 a. m.; *9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.38 a. m.; *8.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express, bDaily.
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THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Edwin L. Mott of Lowell, in said county, that he was lawfully married to Elenor Mott, now of Toronto Junction, Dominion of Canada, at Norwich, Dominion of Canada, on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1882, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Elenor lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell; that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Elenor being wholly regardless of the same, at Lowell, on or about the ninth day of July, A. D. 1896, utterly deserted your libellant, and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Elenor.

Dated this 28th day of January, A. D. 1904.

EDWIN L. MOTT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, February 1, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our justices of said court at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of March next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest, THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Lucinda D. French, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Jan. 26, 1904.

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LOST—Between Ash street and Merrimack mills, a pair of eyeglasses; Chain on case. Reward at Sun office.

LOST Saturday evening between Newmall and Union streets, branch pin with photo on it. Reward at 11 Newmall St.

LOST—A marten muff in the Bon Marche or on Merrimack street. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to 47 Branch street.

LOST—A sum of money between 557 Dutton and 11 Floyd street. Finder return to Floyd street and receive reward.

LOST—A lady's silver watch with chatelaine pin. Finder please return to 33 Perry street and receive reward.

LOST—A shepherd dog, nine months old. Finder please return to H. Duckett, 50 Concord street.

LOST—Monday afternoon between Chalifoux's store and Middle street entrance to Middlesex club, a pair of eyeglasses in case. Finder rewarded at Sun office.

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$150 PIANO for sale at a bargain, as party is leaving city. Call at 16 Summer street between 2 and 4 and 7 and 9 p. m.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590**

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Quite a controversy is in process in New Hampshire in regard to the house in which Daniel Webster was born, some maintaining that it is not now in existence, while others as stoutly aver that it is still standing. Massachusetts, however, retains at Marshfield the home in which his last years were spent, and there can be no controversy over the authenticity of the dwelling.—Brockton Times.

With such a controversy over the birthplace of a man whose eloquence was heard by many yet in the flesh, what will be the state of affairs two hundred years from now?

With increased powers the state board of arbitration might be made much more useful than at present in the settlement of disputes. It would be well to carry out the governor's suggestion so that on the authority of the governor the board would be empowered to interpose its good offices in any dispute without application from either of the parties concerned. It does seem that the state board of arbitration might easily increase its usefulness. The legislature in making any change in the functions of the board should not confine itself to the governor's suggestion.

THE COTTON KING'S REVERSE.

The friends of justice and humanity will rejoice over the reverse suffered by Daniel Sully, the cotton king, in his effort to keep the price of cotton at a figure under which it cannot be manufactured without reducing the operatives to a condition of serfdom. As the price of cotton goes up, the rate of wages goes down and from this very cause has this cotton king already produced untold suffering among the operatives not only in New England but in the south, where women and children work over eleven hours a day for what is barely sufficient to keep body and soul together.

DEFEAT FOR CHAMBERLAIN.

Chamberlain has suffered a severe reverse in a by election at Gateshead. He boasted that there was no constituency to which he would rather submit his preferential tariff scheme than that of Gateshead. Mr. Chamberlain had proclaimed his opposition to home rule for Ireland as he had done in Gladstone's time when he joined the tories against the home rule bill. To defeat him at Gateshead the Irish party sent over Joseph Devlin, M. P., the brilliant young orator who pleaded Ireland's cause in this country, and he turned the tide against Chamberlain with the result that his candidate was beaten by a majority of 1200.

There is good reason to believe that the defeat suffered by Chamberlain is but the forerunner of many other similar defeats that are to follow.

THE BALTIMORE FIRE.

The Baltimore fire will certainly carry an important lesson to other cities in the art of fire fighting.

It is a matter of some importance to every city in the land to provide against a similar disaster by having a well equipped fire department and as many precautions as possible in the line of fireproof buildings and walls which will stop the progress of a fire that would otherwise spread rapidly.

It is important also that the fire departments should fight the fire from the front, not from the rear or the side as was done in Baltimore until the Philadelphia company arrived.

From what has been learned from the Chicago theatre horror and this most destructive fire in Baltimore, there is much to be learned by other cities if they would avoid such disasters.

One remarkable feature of the great fire is that no firemen were killed. Indeed such a result is calculated to lead to the conclusion that the firemen kept at a safe distance and did not expose themselves to the danger of being overcome by smoke or crushed under falling walls.

DEMANDING MORE OF THE LICENSE FEES

There seems to be no basis of justice underlying the bill now before the legislature providing that one-half the money paid for liquor licenses be turned over to the state. This is one of the schemes devised by Governor Bates to raise money. The other is an inheritance tax. Against the latter there is not so much to be said, but if a city has license it has to bear the expense of the paupers, which the business will produce; but if half the license money be turned over to the state there will not be enough left to support the victims of the traffic. The amount paid the state at the present time is 25 per cent. of the license money. Thus Lowell's last quota was $40,000, but if the change proposed by the governor were made this amount would be doubled.

Why this attempt to extort money from the towns and cities of the state? Simply that the republican party in the state administration last year was recklessly extravagant and it wants to make a better showing this year, not by reducing expenses but by making the towns and cities pay a larger part of the bill.

The measure should be promptly defeated. The scheme is not proposed in the interest of no license but merely to enable the republicans to make a better showing in their state finances.

OUR DANGEROUS SIDEWALKS.

During the past week and indeed since the beginning of this cold spell there has been an unprecedented absence of sand on the slippery sidewalks. On Monday the sidewalks on the business portion of Merrimack street would have made good skating ground, and yet there was no sign of sand, nothing to indicate that we have a street committee and a superintendent of streets. The unusual spectacle of store-keepers on Merrimack street spreading ashes in front of their places of business was seen but nowhere the street department man with his shovel of sand.

The street department is not compelled to put sand on slippery sidewalks but we may be compelled to settle damage suits where parties have fallen through the neglect of the street department to attend to its business. The abuttors are responsible only when by their neglect some obstruction or ice ridge on the sidewalk becomes dangerous, but they are not obliged to do the work of the street department in keeping the sidewalks in safe condition.

EVERYBODY TO BE PENSIONED.

That scheme for pensions for all males who have paid a poll tax for twenty-five years and who have reached the age of 65 years is a new idea surely. It is said to be copied from New Zealand. Perhaps the author of the bill now before the legislature with this provision was in New Zealand and was on the pension list. The pension feature would be very acceptable no doubt, for who is there who would not like to have a pension, but the measure goes further and suggests an increase in the poll tax to $5 a year instead of $2. If the pension of $2 at the age of 65 is to be purchased by the payment of $3 additional from the age of 21 for 44 years we beg to say that we do not want a pension on any such conditions. We might pay for forty years towards the pension and then die before reaching the age of superannuation. The Marlboro man should make himself popular by putting young men on the pension list at 21 and increasing the poll tax at 65. We surmise that this would pass the legislature just as fast as the other.

SEEN AND HEARD

Watch the Merrimack when the snow begins to go.

All the slips are not between the cups and the lips these days.

As cold as it is in Russia there seems to be lots of hot air floating around there.

Preparations are being made for Easter Monday balls.

The fire insurance companies are being struck hard.

If fires are a criterion, 1904 promises to be a warm year.

The financial year at the local post office closes April 1st.

Our legislator, Mr. W. H. H. Hayes, is keeping unusually quiet.

There are heaps of snow upon the ground, and if a sudden thaw comes walking will be fearful.

The sidewalks see little sand, so they are very slippery, and the old plan of using ashes is almost forgotten.

Havana tobacco is so cheap at present that the manufacturers are seriously thinking of putting some of it into cigars.

The cotton speculators are getting it in the neck, and much good may it do them.

The blood cloud of war has again appeared above the horizon and history but repeats itself.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and a shovelful of sand judiciously applied is a splendid thing.

The snow and ice are packed solid between the street railway rails and there'll be something doing before the summer time.

The milkmen say they never saw such a winter. The deep snow has made it hard for them to get around, especially where they must deliver on foot to back doors.

Please, Mr. Beals, put some more sand on the sidewalks. Get your men out early in the morning and let them off early in the evening. Really, Mr. Beals, you ought to put more sand on the sidewalks.

It was the Japs who tore the Chinese yoke from the necks of the Corean vassals, and while the Chinese fired on the Red Cross, beheaded sick soldiers, and tortured prisoners to death, the Japanese tenderly nursed Chinese captives.

It is pretty hard to get at an underground wire in the streets nowadays. 'Tis a case of "drill, you terriers, drill."

The Lowell bank is the oldest institution of its class in this city, being incorporated in 1828.

The fellow who loves milk and oysters but dispenses with their use because the scientists and some of the rest of the gang say they are laden with germs should be kicked to death by a good healthy mule.

Some of the old timers say that there have been more sleigh ride parties this winter than ever before in the city's history. Little Appleton street seems to be a favorite starting point and the destination, any old place where there's room to dance. We have had sleighing, good, bad and indifferent since December 26.

They do tell that the sleighing is very good indeed in the country. It is not very good in the city and a fellow cannot be too careful—a runner in the car track and over you go. Something that doesn't happen every day, happened yesterday about opposite Palmer street in Merrimack street. A fellow was driving in a cutter and his horse was going at quite a clip when suddenly one of the runners went down on the rail and the sleigh tipped. The young man was exceptionally active. He leaped from the sleigh, rather it seemed as if he just stepped out, brought the horse to a standstill by a vigorous tug at the reins with his right hand while with the left he straightened the sleigh up and went his way as if nothing had happened. He had youth and presence of mind on his side.

The town of Ayer, named after our late fellow citizen, Dr. James C. Ayer, who gave it a handsome town hall, is to have a home for aged women, through the will of the late Dr. Hartwell. It is a very worthy benefaction of Dr. Hartwell's, who for years was medical examiner for northern Middlesex and came to Lowell in a professional capacity on various occasions. The town of Ayer may well honor the memory of two physicians, who have so signally honored it.

Fashions change in vehicles as in clothes and other things. Take the bicycle as an example. Not long since the bicycle was all the rage; everybody felt the need of one, and many had them who could ill afford them. But where is the bicycle now? It has gone into disfavor and where formerly there were hundreds in use you can now scarcely find one. The truth is, the bicycle was done to death. The usefulness was lost sight of, and it became a means of pleasure, but the fun soon wore off, for propelling a bicycle was more work than riders cared to acknowledge. But time told, and with the fun wearing off came the decline in the useful bicycle, which may yet assert its real and permanent worth. But as a fad it is beyond resurrection.

Our thriving neighbor, the city of Lawrence, came into being a quarter of a century later than Lowell, and its founders were the founders of Lowell. The poet Whittier's "Mountain-born" river, the Merrimack, gave birth to both, a few are aware how closely the early history of both places are interwoven. In 1845 by an act of the legislature the Essex company was formed, and the day the bill became a law 14 gentlemen, among them being the Lowells and Lawrences, Nathan Appleton, Patrick T. Jackson, John Nesmith, Jonathan Tyler and James K. Francis, went to the future city of Lawrence, viewed the location and in the evening drove to Lowell and sat down to a dinner in the Merrimac house. At this dinner Lawrence was born. It was named for Abbott Lawrence, who took 100 shares at $100 each, and became president of the Essex company. This was on March 29, 1845, and two years later Lawrence became a town and was chartered as a city in 1853. From these beginnings Lawrence grew until it now has nearly 60,000 population and a properly valuation of fully 30 millions of dollars. Surely here is marvelous growth in a half century—a veritable Arabian Nights' tale, that seems almost impossible. It speaks well for the people of Lawrence.

With a big jump in the price of flour already the war in the far east is pinching American people. Singular, isn't it, how handily the big trusts get hold of a pretext for laying the burdens on the consumers; and you rarely hear of any relief. Pity the poor man—the man who works for a day's pay and has a home to support.

About the hour Father Time cut out the old from the new year there was born a pair of twins, daughter and son, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, living east of Versailles, O., says the Newark News.

Just before A. D. 1902 passed into history the daughter was born, and after the new year 1901 was ushered in the son was born. Both are well and hearty, but although they are twins they can never celebrate the anniversaries of their birth on the same day.

There is also something out of the ordinary connected with the birth of the mother. She is one of a pair of twins and was born on the night of May 31, just before midnight, 23 years ago, while her male was born early on the morning of June 1.

It happened during one of the hot campaigns in the early '80s. Lawyer Nathan D. Pratt and the late "Judge" Edward B. Quinn frequently addressed meetings in our rural towns. To a place not far away from Lowell they went one evening in a team. Their reception by the democratic citizens of the burg was cordial enough, but there was no hall to meet in and allow the orators to lay down the immortal principles of Jefferson and Jackson. But a little thing like that could not disconcert the faith of true democracy. An open-air meeting was decided upon, and a farm wagon secured for the speakers and distinguished citizens. The meeting was opened by an honored son of the soil, and Mr. Pratt was introduced. His speech was a rattler. "My friends and fellow democrats," he remarked, standing in the creaky, "had-seen-better-days" wagon, "I am proud to stand before you tonight and address you on the grand old platform of the democratic party." Needless to say, his opening brought down the house.

Later on, in the Tilden campaign, Judge Quinn was called to Dunstable to make the welkin ring for democracy. On this occasion a wagon was also used as a speaker's platform. The vehicle fairly groaned under the load of leading citizens, and as Judge Quinn was being introduced it collapsed. The distinguished guests and citizens were tumbled into a heap, but doing no more serious damage than ruffling their hair and clothing and injuring their feelings. Judge Quinn was the first man to his feet. The shafts and seat of the wagon were left in position. The judge promptly clambered up, rose to his feet, and in a calm voice said: "My fellow democrats: Truth crushed to earth will rise again. No matter what happens, a true democrat can always find enough of a democratic platform to stand on." And after the shouts of laughter and applause had died away, the brilliant Judge Quinn launched into a fine speech, and even added an eloquent peroration.

AMERICAN PRIESTS

WERE FIRED UPON BY CONSTABULARY.

MANILA, Feb. 10—Seventeen members of the constabulary stationed at Vigan, one of the leading business centres of Luzon, have deserted, taking with them 50 rifles, 5000 rounds of ammunition and $700, obtained by looting the commissary department.

The number of fugitives has since been augmented by a party of 50 escaping from the same quarter. Gov. Wright promptly requested military assistance and Col. Thomas dispatched a squadron of cavalry scouts in pursuit. Col. Scott leaves today with a body of constabulary.

Later advices indicate that the revolt of the constabulary at Vigan has developed into a small uprising against the Americans and loyal Filipinos. Two American priests, Frs. McCloskey and Kirk, have been fired upon, but no casualties are reported. The telegraph wires leading to the disturbed district have been cut.

Ricarte, one of the former Filipino leaders, is believed to be at the head of this movement.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Cotton futures closed steady. Feb. 12.42, March 12.61, April 12.89, May 13.00, June 13.04, July 13.05, Aug. 12.88, Sept. 11.60, Oct. 11.15, Nov. ——, Dec. 10.80.

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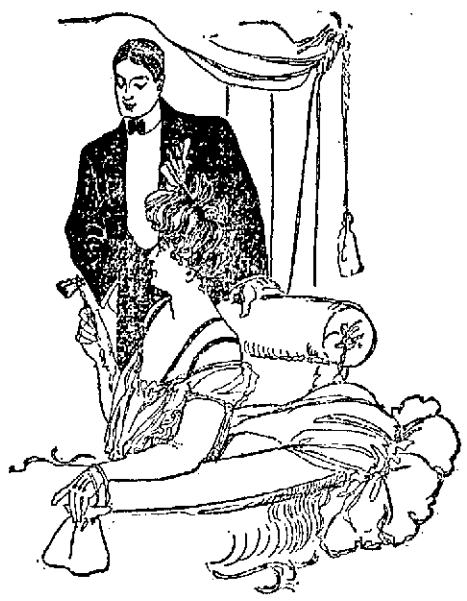
Separate coats also, tail coats or Tuxedos.

White Dress Waistcoats $3 to $5

Dress Shirts, with cuffs attached or detached $1 to $2

Gloves for evening wear from the best French manufacturers, $1.50 to $2

White cravats, white bows, and Earl & Wilson's latest shapes in Dress Collars.



SULLY'S REVERSE

A Subject for Congratulation in Mill Cities

The following from the Manchester News is of interest to Lowell readers:

The best piece of news that the people of New England have heard for many a day appeared in their newspapers this morning in the form of a dispatch from New York to the effect that the price of cotton slumped from 17½ cents a pound to 13⅞ cents.

Daniel Sully, who has engineered the corner in cotton and has thereby reduced the wages and forced untold misery on hundreds of thousands of honest workingmen and their families throughout the east and south, was literally overwhelmed by the offers of cotton that he received. He and the rest of the short interest were literally driven into their holes and the holes plugged with cotton after them.

The bears trampled on all opposition and the speculative and fictitious values that he has labored twelve months to build up were swept away in an hour. Since the present bear movement opened the last Tuesday up to last night cotton had declined $17.50 a bale. And after trying vainly to stop the flood of offers which fairly deluged him, Sully was forced to retire from the ring a beaten man.

He tried later in the day to regain some of his lost prestige but it was no use, and he had to abandon the field worsted for the first time in his long and meteoric career.

Sully's downfall has long been anticipated and predicted and is as certain to ultimately result whether yesterday winds him up or not as the sun is to rise and set. If the price of cotton continues high more and more of it will be planted in this country, and more and more will be planted in Egypt and India. The growth will finally become so great that the market will be glutted and the price will go down no matter if a dozen Sullys were operating to keep it up.

Many forces have operated so far to keep Sully and high prices in the saddle, principal among which perhaps, is the deadly cotton boll weevil which has flourished so ruthlessly in Texas and the southwest generally. When to this is added the comparatively small crop of Egyptian and Indian cotton, and the tremendous increase in manufacturing, particularly in the southern states of this country, it is not at all strange that cotton should go up and stay up.

It is possible if not probable that we shall never see 6 cent cotton in this country again, but good manufacturers assert that the mills can be kept running and the present scale of wages paid with cotton at 12 cents a pound. Good judges believe that cotton will be hammered to that point and will be kept there by manipulation until the new crop comes in and renders further manipulation unnecessary.

At any event a long step toward saner prices and safer conditions was taken on the Cotton Exchange yesterday, and our only hope is that this is the beginning of the end of a career, every step of which has been over the bodies and across the hearts of suffering men, women and children.

Napoleon Bonaparte slew his tens of thousands, but he did it in open combat, took his chance with his men and looked death in the face like the soldier and the hero that he was. And when he triumphed, elevated to the highest places and the chiefest emoluments his fellow warriors. Daniel Sully has brought penury, starvation, want, disgrace, idleness and misery to tens of thousands of peaceful homes and to millions of God's unfortunates struggling for the necessities of life, and has done it wantonly, brazenly, cruelly, while he has gorged himself with the luxuries their blood and sweat brought him. Selfishness has been his predominant trait. He has enriched those who were already rich to make poorer those already poor. A scourge or a famine could not have worked greater disaster to the spinners and weavers of Lancashire, the poor whites and their little underpaid, underfed, undersized offspring in the Carolinas and Georgia, and the more intelligent and better paid operatives of New England, than this man Sully. His whole career has operated like a blast from a furnace upon a delicate marble, withering, scorching, cracking, ruining its beauty, its utility and its life.

MITCHELL BROSNAN

IS REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT OF H. S. R.

Mitchell Brosnan, son of Lieut. Jos. Brosnan of the police department and formerly captain of Co. D of the High school regiment, has taken Master Thomas Farrell's place as regimental adjutant. Mr. Farrell has left High school and has accepted a position in one of the local banks.

Master Brosnan took his new position last Monday.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The last two performances of "The Octoroon" will be given at the Academy of Music this afternoon and evening. The performances have been well attended and the show is worthy of the patronage of the local theatre goers.

Lovers of bright clean comedy will do well to visit the "Social Whirl" which opens a three nights and daily matinee engagement tomorrow afternoon at the Academy of Music. This piece by a bright New York newspaper man, is one of the strongest bits of humor now on the American stage. The situations are extremely funny, and follow each other with lightning like rapidity, and keep the audience continually convulsed with laughter. Bright, clean comedy is the keynote of this entertainment and is the reason of its strong popularity. The manager, Mr. J. J. Shay, has shown his keen business judgment in introducing very strong vaudeville acts which are far in advance of the specialties carried with like attractions. Lovers of dancing will not fail to see Miss Alice Thornton in her strong buck and wing dancing, or Hall and Parson, the original wench and soubrette. Cunningham and Coveney promise a treat in refined buck and wing dancing, introducing the very strong original act of executing in wooden shoes all the single, double and triple steps known in buck and wing dancing.

AT THE CASTO.

That this week's program at the Casto is highly satisfactory is proved by the fact that the cosy theatre has been crowded at every performance. The race of horse against man is the magnet that draws the crowds and all are well repaid for their attendance. The race is the most exciting event ever placed upon a local stage. Yesterday's races were very close, and the spectators cheered each contestant as they struggled for the lead. The races were not won until the very last yard was covered. The remainder of the program is excellent, and there is not a weak act on the bill. Green trading stamps are given free with orchestra tickets.

BOXING GOSSIP

The Riverview Athletic club will hold its usual smoke talk at Dewey Grove on Friday evening and a fine bill has been arranged.

In addition to the usual musical and terpsichorean numbers, there will be a fine exhibition of the manly art by talented members. The boxing bill will include Joe Gendron of Nashua vs. Kid Cahill of Lawrence; Martin Mead vs. Hughey Napier; Young Marshall of Lowell vs. Joe Murphy of Providence; Jack Orgorn of Lawrence vs. Tom McLaughlin.

The meeting will mark the reappearance in the ring of Tom McLaughlin, the welter-weight, who in the old days of the Gladstone and the Knickerbocker clubs, was one of the most promising in this city. Tom has met such men as George Gardner, the late John Dion, Charlie Armstrong, John E. Butler, Young Sharkey and others and showed up finely. Recently he decided to re-enter the ring and those who saw him try out claim that he is all right.

Why don't Old Sport and his rival, whom Old Sport dubs as the "Waller," engage to entertain the members of the Riverview club at one of their smoke talks?

A match which will interest all Lowell sports is coming in the near future between Jimmy Walsh of Newton, the 90-pound champion of the world, and Kid Flannery of this city. Walsh having recently agreed to take on the Lowell youngster. Friends of Flannery claim that he will lick Walsh, and if he succeeds in doing it he will jump into prominence at once. Flannery is a very likely youngster and all the experts who have seen him work predict a great future for him. It is not unlikely that the match will be held in Lawrence at one of the two clubs there. If so undoubtedly a big crowd from this city will be in attendance. The date of the match and other particulars will be agreed upon some day next week.

VERDICT OF GUILTY

Found in Case of Helen W. Post

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 10—A verdict of guilty was returned last evening by the jury in the case of Helen Wilmans Post, the mental science healer, who has been on trial for the past 10 days in the United States court. The charge against Mrs. Post was that she devised a scheme to defaud divers people and used the U. S. mails to further said scheme.

The maximum penalty is a fine not exceeding $500 or imprisonment not exceeding 18 months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Warranted tooth brushes 19c, 25c, 33c. A. W. Dows & Co.

FRANK JOHNSON

WAS MADE SPECIAL TREASURY AGENT AT BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Frank E. Johnson has been appointed by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw to be special treasury agent at Boston in charge of the New England service, to take the place of Converse J. Smith, who recently resigned. Mr. Johnson is expected to take up his duties tomorrow.

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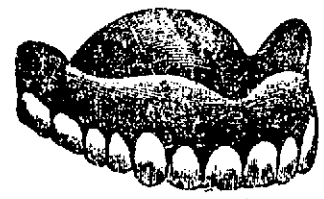
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Extreme Discomfort for Police and Troops in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10—The night was marked by two new alarms of fire, the fall of a number of walls and conditions of extreme discomfort for the soldiers and policemen on guard, the temperature dropping about 10 degrees and a keen wind blowing throughout the night. The weather conditions it is thought were responsible for the falling walls, the racking effect of the cold upon the heated bricks aiding the wind in bringing down several of the ruins.

The firemen were called out early during the night by an alarm of fire, the blaze originating in the engine room of the lumber yard of William D. Gill & Son, in the southwestern district, not far from the burned district, though the fire was an entirely independent one. Three companies and the fireboat Cataract responded and extinguished the fire after it had done $7500 damage to the lumber yard and an adjacent pulverizer works. Later an unimportant blaze in the northern residence district again called out some of the overworked firemen, but with these exceptions the men spent the night in their beds.

The detachment of police who spent the night in the ruins guarding the vaults and safes in the financial district were far more comfortable. Owing to the need of police to patrol the outlying residential section it was necessary for men to put in 10 and 12 hours of continuous duty and almost without shelter and the men were thoroughly benumbed when relieved at daylight this morning. Even the soldiers on guard for but two hours at a stretch found this tour in the icy wind long enough and considerate officers permitted them to shelter themselves in convenient doorways and build small picket fires wherever possible. Those in exposed posts paced briskly to and fro to keep the blood in circulation. Three companies of troops were kept on continuous patrol duty in the ruins throughout the night and the outer lines were maintained as strictly as ever by the three regiments and the naval brigade. So quiet were the conditions that the military headquarters in the marshal's office were practically closed at midnight.

A conflict between branches of the federal government was reported last night when one of the mail carriers who was endeavoring to enter the post office for duty was halted by a private of the company of heavy artillery which was placed on guard around that building and the sub-treasury. In the encounter between the sentry and the carrier the latter was hit over the head with the soldier's rifle, but was not seriously injured.

One branch of the city government that is running in full operation is the marriage license bureau, 18 licenses being issued yesterday and the rush continuing today.

Among the ruins that collapsed during the early morning hours was a large section of the Calvert street front of the big Equitable building at the corner of Fayette and Calvert streets and the front wall of an office building on St. Paul street between the Herald office and the Law building. A large section of the interior of the latter building also fell in, but the walls withstood the wind.

Buildings of all descriptions in the down town district are in great demand for use as temporary offices. Nearly all of the banking and fiduciary concerns have secured buildings or apartments wherein they will conduct their business until permanent quarters can be secured. The financial centre of the city has been removed from South and German streets to Saratoga and Charles streets, seven blocks to the northwest of the demolished stock exchange.

FIRE IN LAWRENCE

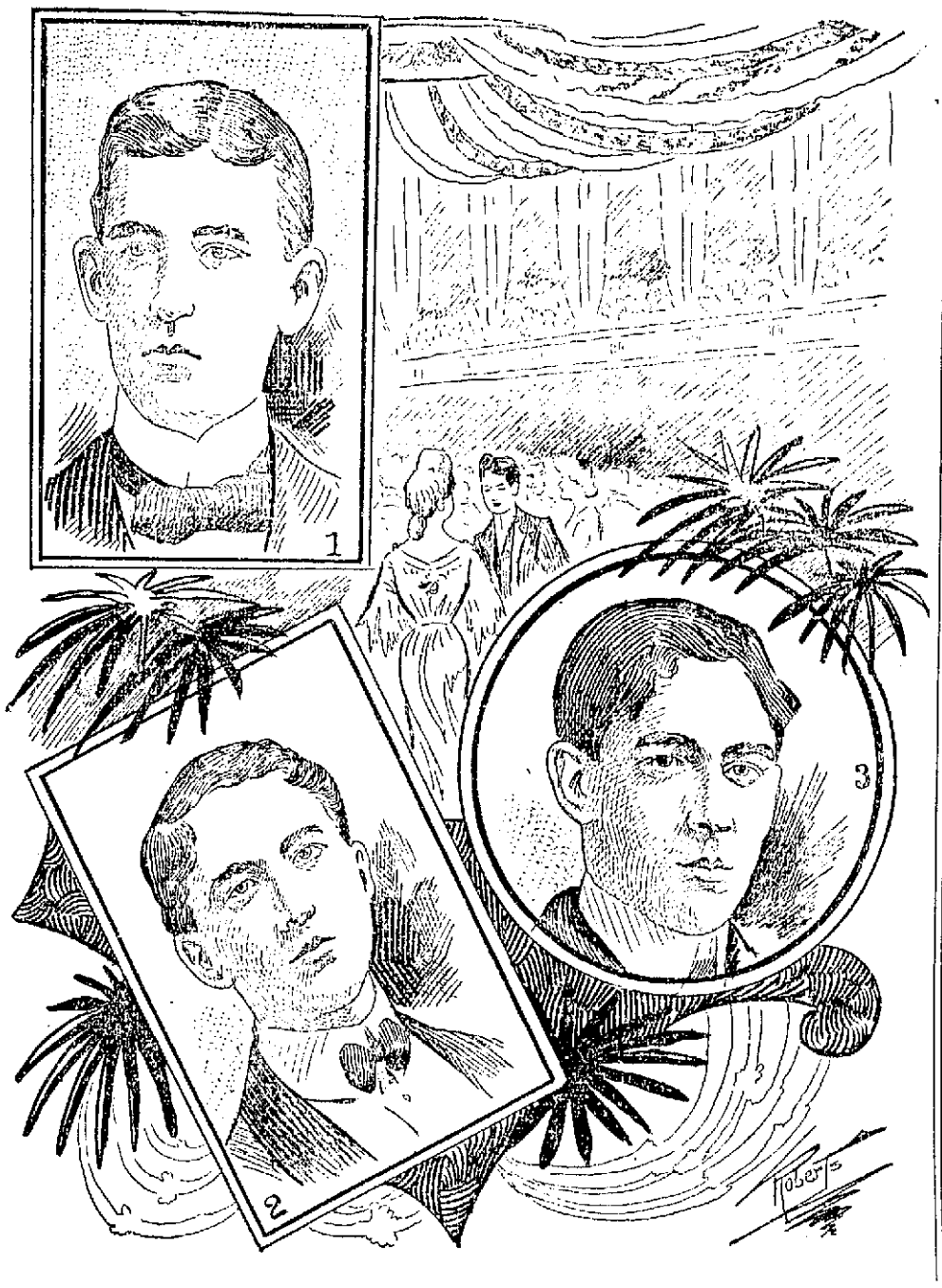
BLAZE STARTED IN CLOSET NEAR A CHIMNEY.

LAWRENCE, Feb. 10.—The fire department had a hard run in responding to the alarm from box 91 on Prospect hill yesterday. The fire was in a dwelling at 72 Woodland street, owned by Fred C. Woekel, and occupied by his family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woekel. The fire originated in a closet on the second floor from the chimney, it is thought.

The crackling of the flames attracted the attention of one of the women in the house, and aid was summoned from the engine house on Howard street near by. The fire was raging in the upper portion of the house when the apparatus arrived, and an alarm was sounded from the box at the engine house. The house was gutted, the damage being estimated at $1500.

Charles Rock, a well known meat cutter, has been appointed a member of the Ayer City fire company to succeed Lieut. Peter Webster, deceased.

A BRILLIANT SCENE



THE Y. M. C. I. BALL.

J. H. McCAFFREY, General Manager. WALTER F. KING, Floor Director. WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN, Assistant Floor Director.

Unsurpassed Decorations at the Y. M. C. I. Ball in Huntington Hall

Huntington hall was transformed into a bower of beauty and grace last night. For their seventh annual concert and ball the Young Men's Catholic Institute of the Immaculate Conception parish presented a decorative feature never surpassed in this city. The immense hall was crowded, especially during the early part of the evening and the young men who planned the great social affair of the season in Catholic circles saw their efforts crowned with a success well deserved and most pleasing to the hundreds of friends of the young men.

From 8 until 9 o'clock Knowlton & Allen's orchestra of Natick gave a choice concert which those who occupied seats in the gallery enjoyed.

The music for the concert and the dancing was furnished by Knowlton & Allen's orchestra of Natick, ten pieces. The concert lasted from eight to nine o'clock and consisted of the following selections:—

March—Jolly General .....Morel
Overture—William Tell .....Rossini
Negro Caprice—Gazaho .....Godfrey
Clarinet Solo—Sonnambula ..Cavalieri
F. D. Cooke.
Selection—Trip to Africa.....Mosely
Finale—Imperial ..... Anthony

Shortly before 9 those who were to take part in the grand march began to arrive. The special guests of the Institute also reached the hall about this time and were escorted to the seats reserved for them in the gallery, by a committee headed by Thomas J. Dean. The front row in the gallery center was occupied by Mayor and Mrs. Howe, Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O. M. I., the spiritual director of the Y. M. C. I., Rev. L. J. Tighe, O. M. I., Rev. Wade Smith, O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Fallon of Holy Angels college, Buffalo, N. Y., Miss Annie Gookin and Dr. Dorgan of Lawrence. A little later the grand march was started and it was then that the beauty of the decorations was seen. The feature was well chosen, the design of the stage which represented an immense court yard being most effective.

A lattice work along which crept a pretty vine dotted here and there with roses was the frame work and crowded along the stage floor were numerous plants, palms, sprouting flowers and hedging. In the center of an artificial pond stood a large fountain from the main figure of which was a little child holding in its arms a goose from whose mouth a spray of water played continually during the night. The whole fountain was ablaze with red and white lights. Around the sides of the stage were set immense Doric columns each surmounted by a large arc light. In the hall itself no less than 400 extra electric bulbs figured in the decoration. From a canopy of pink and white that covered the main chandelier were strung 10 streamers of laurel dotted with small red and white bulbs from which brilliant light shone.

These streamers with great festoons of white and green were attached to other Doric columns set in the gallery. The gallery front was draped in white tasseled green bunting and from each electric fixture hung a basket of roses. The large windows were screened with white with an overhanging of green, which were the prevailing colors of the party. On each window was placed a large globe lamp lighted by electricity and the blank space between windows was filled in with oval shaped mirrors.

The undertaking was an extensive one and tested the skill of Decorator Young, who had able assistance from James Flood, chairman of the decorating committee. On all sides came words of surprise and admiration. The friends of the Y. M. C. I. went to the hall expecting to witness something elaborate in the decorative line, but they were not prepared for the treat the young men offered, and their surprise was all the more pleasant and agreeable. The march was the regular military one, though somewhat prolonged, and the scene from the gallery as the young marchers circled the hall was one to be remembered. The costumes of the young ladies were exquisite and marching side by side with their gallant young escorts in full evening dress they attracted unusual attention from the galleries.

The grand march was formed in the reception room, Floor Marshal Walter F. King and Miss Etta King leading. Miss King wore white chiffon over white silk. Following the floor marshal and lady were the following named: Assistant Floor Marshal William J. McLaughlin and Miss Frances Gannon of North Billerica, white silk; Mayor Chas. E. Howe and Mrs. Howe, white chiffon over white silk; Chief Ald John B. Bouliger and Miss Kittie Murray, white silk muslin over white silk; General Manager John H. McCaffrey and Miss Emily Gilbride of Boston, steel colored silk; Assistant General Manager Thomas J. Ahearn and Miss Nellie Miron, white silk; Mr. Terence Leonard and Miss Katherine Donohue, pink silk with natural lace trimmings; Mr. Terence E. Flood and Miss Ella Cogger, chiffon over pink silk; Mr. John T. Buckley and Miss Margaret Powers, blue silk muslin over white silk; Mr. Arthur P. McQuaid and Miss Sadie Gilbride, white chiffon; Mr. Walter Foye and Miss Etta Foye, green silk; Mr. Christopher McSorley and Miss Kittie Bushnell, pink crepe de chine and pearls; Mr. Daniel McQuade and Miss Mabel Walsh, white muslin, ribbon trimmings and chiffon; Mr. Eugene Queenan and Miss Belle McCarthy, white silk; Mr. Joseph Cooney and Miss Mabel Lee, pink muslin; Mr. Martin Calnan and Mrs. Calnan, black and white silk with jet trimmings; Mr. John J. Kelleher and Miss May Kelleher, white chiffon with pearl trimmings; Mr. William M. Clarke and Miss Elizabeth F. Rawley, pink silk; Mr. James A. Finnerty and Miss Katherine Kelley, gray silk voile; Mr. Frank P. McGilley and Miss Madeline Crevier, white silk; Mr. William O'Connell and Miss Edith Farrington, pink silk; Mr. Frank Burns and Miss Lizzie Fox, pink crepe de chine; Mr. Thomas O'Donnell and Miss Bridget Smith, white muslin and ribbon trimmings; Mr. Alfred J. Cooney and Miss Annie Cooney, white silk; Mr. James J. Flanagan and Miss Eva Curtin, white nun's veiling; Mr. John B. McMinimon and Miss James, white silk mousseline; William D. Raygan and Miss A. Grace Barry; Edward F. Quinlan and Miss Grennan, Frank J. Higgins and Miss Lillian Rogers; Thomas Slavey and Miss Julia Cronin; George Murphy and Miss Mary Danahy; Edward J. Cahill and Miss Gertrude Lyons; John J. Sullivan and Miss Katherine L. McKeon; Leonard Swallow and Miss Blanche Whitcher, and others.

After the march came the circle and then the regular order of 18 engagements, with extras, was danced. At midnight the supper was served in Jackson hall and then dancing was resumed and continued until 2 o'clock this morning.

The officers of the ball were: General manager, John H. McCaffrey; assistant, Thomas J. Ahearn; floor manager, Walter F. King; assistant, William T. McLaughlin; chief aid, John B. Bouliger.

Aids—Terrence E. Flood, Terrence D. Leonard, Arthur P. McQuaid, Joseph P. Cooney, Daniel E. McQuade, John B. McMenimon, John T. Buckley, Francis A. Burns, Frank P. McGilley, Martin Calnan, William M. Clark, Alfred J. Cooney, James H Flannagan, John J. Kelleher, Joseph C. McCarron, Christopher J. McSorley, Eugene C. Queenan, George B. Willett, J. Walter Foye, Charles C. Burns.

Reception committee—James E. Burns, chairman; James H. Flood, George E. Clark, John A. O'Connor, James J. Healey, William H. McCarron, John J. Flannagan, John J. King, William F. Flannagan, Charles A. King, Martin F. Conley, Michael J. Finley, Daniel J. O'Brien, Daniel E. Hogan, Thomas J. O'Hare, Thomas M. Welch, Thomas L. Smith, John F. Martin, Arthur J. McQuaid, Thomas J. Beane, Joseph F. Burns, Edward D. Quinlan.

The officers of the ball committee were: Patrick J. Mooney chairman; James J. Finnerty, secretary; John T. McLaughlin, treasurer. Following are the sub-committees:—

Music—Walter F. King, John Flanagan, Terrance Leonard, John Buckley, William McLaughlin.

Decorating—James H. Flood, Thomas O'Hare, James Healey, James Burns, Thomas Ahearn.

Printing—James Finnerty, Daniel Hogan, Patrick J. Mooney, Martin Calnin, John McLaughlin.

Catering—Al Cooney, Thomas Smith, Thomas Kelley, John Martin, Arthur J. McQuaid.

Badges—William McCarron, Gene Queenan, Christopher McSorley, Harry Finley, John B. Bouliger.

Tickets—Charles King, William Clark Francis McGilly, Joseph McCarron, John McCaffrey.

FIRE CHECKED

THE LOSS IS PLACED AT $350,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The fire which started early today in a building owned by the Wilce Lumber Co., and occupied by the Chicago Table company, was communicated to the lumber yard of H. C. Schultz on Throp street, but the firemen succeeded in checking its spread. The plants of the Chicago Table company, the Chicago Picture Hanging company and F. Wintermeyer company, were destroyed entailing losses estimated at $350,000. Seven firemen were hurt, one fatally.

LOWELL, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1904.

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This lot is from a big importer and includes all the new patterns in Fine Hosiery to be worn this spring and summer.

FOR 19c A PAIR—Black Lace Lisle, Plain Lisle and Embroidered Hose. Regular price 25c.

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FOR 50c A PAIR—Beyer Mercerized Hose, Silk and Lisle, Plain and Embroidered, all the new Spring shades. Regular price 75c.

FOR 75c A PAIR—Regular dollar Hose. Fine Lisle, Plain Black and Highly Colored Fancies.

Sale Begins Tomorrow Morning

WEST SECTION—LEFT AISLE.

MIRABILIA---SOAP
MIRABILIA---A SKIN FOOD

We are very happy to announce that Mrs. E. M. Townsend is again with us to impress the minds of our customers with the importance and healthfulness of the Mirabilia Soap and Skin Food.

She will be glad to see her old friends at our Toilet Dept.

WEST SECTION—RIGHT AISLE.

BLANKET SECONDS

Less Than Half Price—$3.00 Worth of Trading Stamps With Each Pair

175 pairs Heavy Wool Blankets, 10-4 size, regular price $4.00 and $5.00 a pair, only.....$2.00 A PAIR

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At these prices the next season's Blankets should be bought now.

See Palmer Street Windows

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The Popular Magazine For March

Out today, contains the first of a series of notable stories by famous authors of Adventure Fiction. Illustrated

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In addition, this number will also contain the opening chapters of

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Fourteen Other Stories, Equally Interesting

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THE GLOVE COUNTER

—IN—

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Will be an attractive place for bargain seekers the balance of the week. There is not a particle of damage to this stock but the selling of the past week has broken up the size assortments of several of our lines. Consequently we propose by ridiculously low price offerings to clean up odds and ends, and shape ourselves for the reception of new lines for the Easter trade.

At 5c a Pair

You will find great picking from a lot containing about 75 dozen Infants' Mittens; good range of colors.

7c a Pair

Is the price that we have made on a lot of Misses' Black Mittens that even at this late day would ordinarily be thought cheap at twice the price.

At 19c a Pair

We have several baskets filled with Ladies' Cashmere Gloves that formerly sold at 29c and 39c a pair.

At 21c a Pair

We have a quantity of Ladies' Black Kid Gloves (sizes 5½ or 5¾ only), Suede or Glace Gloves, regular value $1.00 and $1.25.

At 49c a Pair

You will find great picking. Cashmere and French Wool Gloves in beaver, black or gray, that formerly sold at 75c and $1.00 a pair. Ladies' Silk Evening Gloves, 12 and 16 button lengths, black, white or fancy colors together with several other odds and ends that originally sold for double the price.

At 59c a Pair

This lot is particularly strong and contains Ladies' Red Lined Mocha Gloves, sizes 6, 6¼, 6½. Also Ladies' Suedes, White Glace with black embroidery oak, pearl, blue, green, black or red (small sizes only). Also Boys' Lined Kid Gloves in Mocha, together with several other lines to be added this morning. The regular prices of the above were from $1.00 to $1.50 a pair.

THAT BASEMENT OF OURS

Here is where we are creating havoc with prices. We are obliged to because we must clear out this stock quickly as we need this room for other lines of merchandise. Bric-a-Brac, Fancy China, Lamps, Glass Ware, Silverware, Tea or Dinner Ware at half and sometimes less than half their regular prices.

O'DONNELL & GILBRIDE CO.

FOR THE NEW HOME

Mr. Ayer Sends $25,000 to the Y. W. C. A.

A special meeting of the Young Women's Christian association trustees was held yesterday at which Miss Kitson presented and read the following letters, which explain themselves, and upon which subsequent action was taken as recorded below.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 9, 1904.
Miss Charlotte P. Kitson:

My Dear Miss Kitson: I take very great pleasure in transmitting this letter, with check for $25,000 enclosed, from Mr. Frederick Fanning Ayer of New York city. It may not be improper for me to say that Mr. Ayer has made a somewhat careful study of the revised plans for the contemplated new building for the Young Women's Christian association, and shows his approval of them by adding to his former splendid contribution of $40,000 this additional gift of $25,000, which will be sufficient to complete the new home in accordance with the revised plans. Permit me to extend to you and your co-workers in this noble charity my hearty congratulations for this most substantial evidence of Mr. Ayer's great interest in the work you are doing for the young women of our city; and also my best wishes for a continuance of the success which has attended your institution since its foundation. Yours very truly,

(Signed) JACOB ROGERS.

New York, Feb. 6, 1904.
Jacob Rogers, Esq., Lowell, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rogers: Understanding that the Young Women's Christian association will require $25,000 additional funds to complete its new building in John street, in accordance with the revised plans, I enclose my check for that amount which I will ask you to present to Miss Kitson for the association, said money to be used for the construction of the new building in John street in accordance with the revised plans which I have approved.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) FREDERICK F. AYER.

After the reading of these letters, on motion of Mrs. Stowell, the following resolutions were unanimously passed amid great enthusiasm:

Resolved: That the trustees and directors of the Young Women's Christian association find it difficult to select words which will fitly express their profound gratitude to Frederick Fanning Ayer, Esq., of New York city for his second splendid gift of $25,000, which, added to his recent gift of $40,000, makes the great sum of $65,000, and which will enable us to fully construct the building now under contemplation; and which will not only prove an ornament to our city but will be so admirably adapted to the wants of our association.

Resolved: That when this building, made possible by Mr. Ayer's great generosity, is completed we shall be enabled to greatly enlarge the scope of our work. And it will be our constant endeavor to so conduct this so greatly needed charity as to convince our generous donor that his money has not been unwisely bestowed.

Resolved: That we proceed with the construction of the building as rapidly as is consistent with strict economy, to the end that we may as soon as possible be in condition to greatly increase the beneficent work which we are striving to do.

It is perhaps unnecessary to say that this letter of Mr. Ayer's came as a great surprise and the trustees were overwhelmed with pleasure at the certainty that their dreams of a new and splendid building were now about to be realized.

CIRCULATION COUNTS....

In estimating the cost of advertising, remember that circulation is what counts. When a paper with one-half or one-third the circulation of The Sun asks Sun rates for advertising space, you can readily see how cheap our rates really are.

The real cost of advertising is not the rate per inch, but the rate per inch per thousand of circulation.

LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Character of the Great Statesman

DESCRIBED AT THE EDUCATIONAL CLUB

Interesting Paper by Mrs. W. D. Hill

Mrs. W. D. Hill read a paper upon Abraham Lincoln before the Educational club yesterday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended. Mrs. Hill said in part:

Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, and he died April 14, 1865. He was not a type—he stands alone. He had the advantage of living in a new country—a country of social equality and of personal freedom, and he saw in the horizon of his country's future, the perpetual star of hope. He preserved his individuality and his self-respect. He knew, and mingled with men of every class. He was familiar with nature, with actual things, with common facts. Lincoln never finished his education, but to the day of his death was a seeker after knowledge. He was a many sided man, acquainted with smiles and tears, complex in brain, single in heart. His words were as candid as mirrors, for they gave the perfect image of his thoughts. No man had keener wit, or kinder humor. He was a master of the story teller's art. In illustration he was apt, in application perfect. In speech he was liberal, yet using no word which could be misinterpreted. He was an orator, clear, sincere, natural. If one wishes to know the difference between oratory and eloquence, between what is felt and what is said, between what the heart and brain can do together, and what the brain can do alone, he should read Lincoln's wondrous words at Gettysburg, and then the speech of Edward Everett upon the same subject.

Lincoln cared nothing for position, but everything for principle—nothing for money, but everything for independence. He knew slavery had defenders, but no defense, and that they who attack the right must wound themselves. With him men were neither great nor small—they were right or wrong. Nothing discloses real character like the use of power. If you wish to know what a man is, give him power, this is the supreme test. It was the glory of Lincoln that having almost absolute power he never abused it, except upon the side of mercy. Wealth could not purchase, power could not awe this loving man; he knew no fear except the fear of doing wrong. Hating slavery, pitying the masters, seeking to conquer not persons but prejudices, he was the embodiment of self-denial and courage. He spoke not to blame, nor to upbraid, but to convince. He longed to pardon. He loved to see the smiles of joy on the faces of those he had rescued from bondage. Lincoln was the grandest of figures of the fiercest of civil wars. Every heart cherishes and reveres his memory. Mrs. Hill read a favorite poem of Mr. Lincoln's, "O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud." Miss Hill read Lincoln's Gettysburg oration and she gave Edward Everett's comments on the speech, which were: "I would have given more to have written those 20 lines than for all the fame the nation could bestow upon me."

After the singing of America Mrs. H. S. Whiteside read an account of the work of the second Betsey Ross, who has recently made the flag for Panama. Mrs. W. H. Pedn invited the club to meet at her home, 462 East Merrimack street, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23, when the entertainment will take the form of a Lady Washington tea.

TERRIBLE DEFEAT

Manchester Team Was Turned Down by Lynn

HARRY HOUGH WAS ON HIS METTLE

Hudson Took a Game From Haverhill

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 10.—The Manchesters got their worst defeat of the season last night at basket ball in a game with the Lynn team in Mechanics' hall. Harry Hough, the famous basket thrower of Pennsylvania, was pitted against Capt. Qualey, and completely outclassed the Manchester captain, rolling up a score of nine baskets.

Each of the Lynn players had the better of his opponent in all departments of the game, their shooting for the basket being the fastest and most accurate ever seen in this city.

Healy and Donnelly did the best work for the home team, and Lynch, who succeeded Qualey in the third period, held Hough down to a single basket. The summary:

LYNN		MANCHESTER
Fogarty lf	rb	Donnelly
Hough rf	lb	Qualey
	lb	Lynch
Mulliner c	c	Healy
Mayhaw lb	rf	Reagan
Kinkaide rb	lf	Devlin

Score, Lynn 60, Manchester 33. Goals from floor, Fogarty 5, Hough 10, Mulliner 8, Mayhaw 3, Kinkaide 3, Donnelly 6, Healy 5, Reagan, Devlin 2, Lynch 2. Points from fouls, Lynn 2, Manchester, Fouls, Fogarty, Mulliner, Mayhaw, Kinkaide, Donnelly, Qualey, Healy 3, Reagan 2, Referee, J. H. Tierney. Timekeepers, Goodnow and Connolly. Attendance, 800.

HUDSON 34, HAVERHILL 31.

HUDSON, Feb. 10.—In the opera house last evening Hudson defeated Haverhill in a closely-contested, three-period match in the New England league. The match was interesting and exciting throughout. At the end of the first period Hudson led, but the end of the second found Haverhill in front. Hudson finally won by a score of 34 to 31. The summary:

HUDSON		HAVERHILL
Leighton rf	lb	Kelliher
Kennedy lf	rb	Doyle
Luce c	c	Wachter
Corcoran rb	lf	Moran
Evers lb	rf	Lynch
Haggerty lb	rf	Harrington

Score, Hudson 34, Haverhill 31. Goals from floor, Leighton 5, Moran 4, Kennedy 3, Corcoran 3, Wachter 3, Doyle 3, Haggerty, Evers, Kelliher, Lynch, Harrington. Goals from fouls, Hudson 8, Haverhill 5. Referee, Bradley. Scorer, Clark. Timer, Regan. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 400.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Getzinger will be with us Friday night and then all will be lovely.

Tom Ed Smith is not a bit downcast. They'll come yet, says Tom.

Natick will play here Friday night, and the home team hopes to score another victory over Hoey's boys.

The champion ticket taker has made a shift. Eddie joined the Mathews when the Burkes disbanded and he's the happiest man in town. "I'm in the game with Gene Crane now," said Eddie to all his friends who went to the game Monday night.

PERSONALS

Rev. Frederick I. Kelley of Dracut preached at Sayersville, R. I., Sunday.

Mrs. Robert A. Smith is quite sick with appendicitis at her home in Hampshire street.

Miss Blanche Culver Matthews of South Manchester, N. H., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Culver in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Warley of North Chelmsford are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Helen A. Whittier addressed the Danvers Women's association yesterday afternoon on "Evolution of the Gothic Cathedral."

Born in Worcester, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Draper, a daughter. Mrs. Draper was formerly Miss Lillian Phelps of this city.

WHIST PARTY.

Last evening a delightful pit and whist party was held at the home of Mr. Charles H. Snowman, the grocer of Lincoln square. A large number of Mr. Snowman's relatives and friends was present and the evening passed pleasantly. During the evening refreshments were served and a fine musical program was carried out.

In the games, Miss Jeanette Snowman won first prize, while Mr. Ray Clifford took second.

WAS DRIVEN AWAY

Steamer New York Was Fired On

A DOMINICAN GUNBOAT FOLLOWED HER

Wbs Not Allowed to Land Goods

MONTE CRISTI, Republic of Santo Domingo, Saturday, Feb. 6.—The Clyde line steamer New York, from New York Jan. 30, arrived here this morning, followed by the Dominican gunboat Presidente.

Lighters were sent alongside the New York to bring ashore some ammunition which formed part of her cargo. When the lighters had nearly reached the steamer the gunboat fired on them and the revolutionists on shore replied with cannon and mausers.

The New York, being in danger, left Monte Cristi for Porto Plata. The firing continued for half an hour, after which the gunboat sailed for Porto Plata. She was hit twice by round shot and apparently by hundreds of bullets, for she stopped and lowered boats, evidently to plug the holes made in her hull.

The failure to land the ammunition is a serious blow to General Jiminez, for whom it was intended, and may cause him to lose the ground he had already gained. An attack on Santiago de los Caballeros has been fixed for Sunday.

The German steamer Alternburg was here on Monday. The revolutionists did not permit her to discharge cargo at this port.

FOUR EPILEPTICS

REMOVED FROM CITY FARM TO STATE HOSPITAL.

Four epileptic patients at the city farm will be removed to the state hospital at Munson, Mass., this week, where they will receive special treatment. The transfer is in line with the new order which gives the state charge of such cases and is a benefit both to the city and the patients themselves.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT HELD LAST EVENING.

Outside talent appeared at the concert at the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening and the entertainment was one of the best of the season.

There were songs by Miss Mary Munroe, Miss Nano M. Gallagher, Jas. E. Donnelly and Joseph F. Murphy, readings by William F. Thornton and piano solos by George Wiley.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

GIVEN IN COLONIAL HALL LAST EVENING.

The Siegel-Myers-Caveny concert company gave a delightful entertainment in Colonial hall last evening and entertained a large audience. The three performers making up the company are a talented trio and furnished a finely varied program. Mr. Samuel Siegel is a master of the mandolin. Mr. Hyman Myers musician-humorist, was Italian grand opera, and his "Chicken Patti." Mr. Frank Caveny, cartoonist and recitationist, is a lightning sketch artist and illustrated his pieces as he recited them. Each number on the program was finely rendered and recalls were frequent.

HIS TRAVELS

STORIES OF "THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN."

The attraction at the Young Men's Christian association, last evening, was a lecture on "The Land of the Midnight Sun" by Hon. Asa C. Russell. A great many ladies were present and the attendance was the largest since the membership entertainments were started.

Mr. Russell's story of his travels and experiences was decidedly interesting and the audience was a very attentive one.

BOARD OF HEALTH

HELD A BUSINESS MEETING YESTERDAY.

The board of health held a short session yesterday and touched upon the gas nuisance. Agent Knapp reported for the inspectors that several business firms exhaust their steam into the city sewer pipes, as claimed by Mr. Dunbar. More time was asked for the investigations, it being the opinion of Mr. Knapp that two weeks would be needed to look over all the manufacturing establishments in Lowell.

BETTER SERVICE

WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE CHELMSFORD LINE.

The recent kicks at the poor service of the local division of the Boston & Northern street railway on the Chelmsford street line has led the officials of the road to make an effort to remedy the evils and give the patrons of that road better service. The road is now repairing the bonding, which was one of the defects on the line, and new trolley wire is being strung. Cars with four motors are to replace those with two and better time can be made on the line.

As soon as the frost leaves the ground the road will be rebuilt.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Lowell General Hospital Aid association was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Ida Stevens, 244 Stevens street, and was largely attended. The monthly reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted, and the ladies accomplished a large amount of sewing for the hospital. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The March meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Amanda A. Entwistle 48 Highland street.

Mr. Quinn of the firm of Bornstein & Quinn, has recovered from the injuries received during recent fire at his store, 118 Gorham street, and announces that the big fire, smoke and water sale will open Friday morning.

JOBS FOR STAMPS

Scheme of a Concern in in Lynn

THE POSTAL INSPECTORS MAKE INVESTIGATION

Mail Addressed to Agency Held Up

LYNN, Feb. 10.—The "New England Agency of Employment" which has headquarters in the Currier building, Union street, is in trouble with the United States authorities, and post-office inspectors are investigating the charges made against the concern.

In the meantime it is understood the mail addressed to the agency has been held up, pending the result of the action of the Washington authorities, and none of the persons interested in the concern were at the office yesterday afternoon.

The agency advertised to endeavor to secure employment for persons at St. Louis during the world's fair, either in the city, suburbs or in the exposition, and judging from the number of letters received, there are many thousands who desire to go to the fair with little or no expense attached.

The government has stepped in because six two-cent stamps were asked to place the name of the applicant on the files, and thus far the inspectors say they have been unable to find where any jobs have been received. Application will be made for a fraud order, it is said, and an effort made to prohibit the concern from using the mails.

Hundreds of complaints have been received at the local postoffice and by the United States inspectors against the concern, while many persons in this city have been appealed to by friends at a distance to investigate and ascertain if the concern was reliable.

From 500 to 1000 letters have been received daily, it is stated, during the past month, but the blow came yesterday when no mail was delivered, notwithstanding the vigorous protest of a man who said his name was H. Roberts and the proprietor of the agency.

The postoffice authorities brand the scheme as a clever way to get stamps and say that hundreds of people, particularly in New England, New York and Pennsylvania, have filed their names with the concern in the hopes of getting good situations during the fair.

Yesterday a reporter called at the office, finding the place after considerable difficulty, as none of the other occupants of the office building knew of the existence of the agency. A man who said he was not Mr. Roberts was present and he said Mr. Roberts had gone to Washington to see about the affair.

Mr. Roberts had an office in another room, he said, and on the door of this office indicated there was no sign. It was locked and the elevator boy volunteered the information that all business with the agency was done by mail.

Maine and New Hampshire have been prolific fields for the agency. The suggestion of free railroad transportation has evidently appealed to many persons who would like to view the buildings and exhibits at the fair, and they have willingly sent along their stamps.

Many of the letters have come from young women on farms who desired to become waitresses or serve in stores, and had longed for an opportunity to visit the fair at little or no expense. Men have applied for almost every conceivable position from manager to gardener.

DISABLED CAR

ON NASHUA LINE DELAYED LOWELL PASSENGERS.

An accident on the Nashua line last night made it disagreeable for some of the people who were coming to this city. A car which was due in Nashua at 10 o'clock was disabled about a mile this side of Lakeview by the breaking of the brake chain. The conductor of the disabled car had to walk to Lakeview, where the incoming car was waiting on the turnout, and word was then telephoned to this city.

The disabled car was then pulled to Lakeview and the passengers were transferred to the car which was coming to Lowell and the latter returned to Nashua. A car was then sent from this city to bring the Lowell passengers here. It was about 2 o'clock this morning when the stranded passengers arrived in the square.

RESULTED IN A DRAW.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The wrestling match, catch as catch can, between Jack Munroe and Gus Ruhlin before the Criterion Athletic club last night, resulted in a draw at the end of an hour and fifteen minutes. Neither men secured a fall.

DRASTIC STEPS

To End Anarchy in San Domingo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Drastic measures will be taken by this government to end the anarchy in San Domingo. Continued violation of international law, destruction of American property and disregard of foreign interests has convinced officials that affairs there can be best improved by force. Its handling has been turned over to the navy and Secretary Moody sent, last night, supplementary instructions to Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron now in Dominican waters, giving him wide latitude in the course he is to follow. Rear Admiral Wise has been told in a word to protect by force American interests and to deal with each on its own merits. The reports received from the island show, as an official expressed it last night, that the affairs are "semi-barbaric."

The question was one of the features of the cabinet meeting yesterday and at the close of the discussion it was decided the best solution of the problem was to turn affairs over to the navy.

WOMAN LAUGHED

WHEN SHE HEARD DETAILS OF MURDER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—Mrs. Catharine Ray, 21 years old, of Newark, N. J., was put on trial there yesterday for the alleged murder of her three-year-old niece, Marie C. Conning. She shocked the dignified chief justice of New Jersey and horrified lawyers and spectators by laughing outright as she listened to the details of her alleged crime from the lips of witnesses.

The alleged murderess seemed not to understand her position. She smiled and nodded gayly to acquaintances in the court room, joked about the most serious incidents of the trial, and when the case was adjourned for the day and she was being led back to the Newark jail, she loudly asked: "Is my automobile ready for me?"

Little Marie Conning died the night of last Nov. 27. She was found at the foot of a stairway in a dark hall in the house of 10 McWhorton street, Newark, where the Rays lived. The body had more than a hundred cuts and bruises on it. Neighbors and the police charged that Mrs. Ray had beaten and ill treated the child, and the post mortem examination showed death was due to the treatment Marie had suffered. All the circumstances pointed to Mrs. Ray as the one responsible for the death of the child.

SENT TO HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—In the superior court yesterday afternoon, William W. Bartlett and Peter Rasmussan, two members of the Seamen's union, were committed to the house of correction for one month and fined $50 each, for having boarded the schooner Addie M. Lawrence, lying in the harbor, and inducing two non-union sailors to leave the schooner.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at Goodale's drug store, 217 Central St., Lowell.

INTERESTING SESSION

HELD BY MATHEWS LAST NIGHT.

The regular meeting of the Mathew Temperance Institute was held last night and considerable business of importance was transacted. Vice-President John V. Donoghue occupied the chair and twenty-five propositions for membership were received while eight new members were admitted. A report was read from the committee recently appointed to make arrangements for the unveiling of the memorial tablet, and the tablet will be unveiled on the 6th of March at 2.30 o'clock. A prominent speaker will deliver an address.

Belasco's comedy drama "Charity Ball," which will be presented by the dramatic society of the Mathews on the fourth of May will be one of the most artistic entertainments of this kind ever attempted in this city, as it consists of talented young people and as their efforts in the past have met with much success there is little doubt that the "Charity Ball" will be a grand success.

The contest for floor marshal for the Easter Monday ball grows interesting as time passes and the several candidates are working hard for the position. The candidates are Arthur A. McQuade, Napoleon T. Provencher, John J. Dolan, William J. Collins and M. J. Lawn. The election takes place the last Tuesday evening in February.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last night was held the regular meeting of Greenhalge council, 100, Loyal Association, and besides the regular business of the evening the session was marked by the presentation of past counsellor's jewels to Bros. John S. Chandler and George S. Fenderson for earnest and faithful work performed as presiding officers. After the meeting a generous collation was served and a social hour was spent.

Tonight Rochambeau council is to hold its third class initiation at their hall, 100 Middle street. Since the fire which destroyed several of their robes new ones have been procured and the degree staff has added several new features to their floor work. Grand Vice Regent Foye of Lynn will be present as well as many other visitors from in and out of town.

The entertainment committee of Highland Council will run a series of whist parties at regular meetings of the council, the first one to be held tomorrow night. Seven prizes will be given for total scores for the series and the booby prizes will be given to members only who play the whole series. The members of other councils are invited to compete for the prizes.

The regular meeting of the Cercle d'Youville, Companions of the Forest, was held last night in St. Joseph's hall on Dutton street and much business of importance was transacted. The contest for the member selling the most tickets at a recent party was won by Miss Albina Bourgeois, the prize being a $25 gold watch. The second prize, $2.50 in gold, was won by Mr. Maurice H. Noval. The other prize winners and prizes were as follows:

First, a hat, John Vlapas; second, chair, B. White, Worcester; third prize, umbrella, Miss Lizzie Bedell; fourth prize, shoes, F. X. Dostaler; fifth, shirt-waist, Miss J. Trudeau; sixth, lamp, T. E. Copley, Worcester; seventh, jardiniere, Mrs. Sullivan, Mt. Vernon street; eighth, dozen of photographs, Miss Mary Cass; ninth, perfume, Sam Squires, Waterbury; tenth, bust, Miss Philomene Lantagne.

The contest committee consisted of the following members: Miss Cordelia Guertin, president; Joseph Dextra, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Lemieux, secretary; Miss Alexina Boule, Miss Rose Dextra, Miss Elise Landry, Miss Marie Louise Gervais.

TEAMSTER ARRESTED

IS CHARGED WITH THE BEDFORD MURDER.

BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 10—James McDonald, the teamster who testified before the board of inquiry in the Bedford murder mystery has been arrested, charged with the murder and will be taken to Jeffersonville.

BRANCH IN BOSTON

OF THE NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—In response to a call signed by Charles Francis Adams and forty other representative business men of this city, a meeting was held last night at the Exchange club, at which it was voted to form a branch of the National Civic Federation. It was decided that the organization should not be strictly local in its scope, but should be extended throughout New England in order that the textile and other important interests may be given representation.

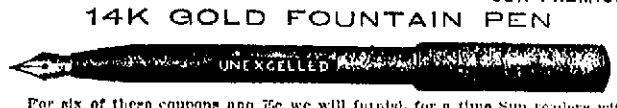
Major Henry L. Higginson presided, Ralph Eastly, secretary of the National Civic Federation was present and told of the work of that body.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

A series of revival services which will continue the remainder of the week, Saturday night excepted, were begun last evening in the First Congregational church. Rev. S. T. Ford, D. D., was the speaker, and he was most convincing and successful, several rising in promise to lead better lives. This evening the Rev. George E. Lovejoy of Lawrence will be the speaker; Rev. Dr. Martin of the Kirk Street church will speak Thursday evening and on Friday night Rev. S. D. Millin of the Mt. Vernon church will conduct the service.

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If the toiler who feels the need of a stimulant will step into the nearest drug store and ask for Paw-Paw he will have no further use for whiskey, beer or other alcoholic stimulants.

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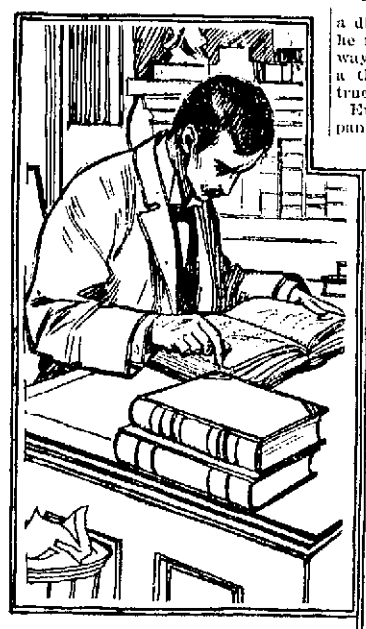
Baron Komura, the Man of the Hour In Japan

IF a history could be written of the diplomatic wars, of the battles lost and won behind closed doors, the world would come to understand that not all great generals bear military titles. The man who has handled the Japanese end of the imbroglio in the far east has revealed himself to be no mean tactician. Pitted against the trained and secretive diplomats of Russia, with the veteran Lamsdorff at their head, this comparatively youthful Jap has shown himself their equal and, if he originated the American and Japanese treaties with China in Manchuria, their superior.

Jutaro Komura, the present Japanese minister of foreign affairs, received most of his education in America. After completing the regular literary course in one of the home universities he entered the Harvard Law school in 1875 when little past twenty and graduated in 1877, being the first Jap to take a degree from that university. He then spent another year at Harvard in postgraduate work, principally in the study of international law. He next went to New York and entered the law office of ex-Attorney General Davenport, where he spent another year in the study of international law. Still he was not satisfied. Going to Rochester, he entered the law office of ex-Commissioner Smith of the court of claims, then legal adviser of Japan, where he took yet another year's work in international law. Thus he had spent five years in America, especially fitting himself for the career he was to follow. There is a story to the effect that he had shown himself a first rate diplomat while still in his teens in his native land and that his American education was provided at the expense of his government.

Returning to Japan by way of Europe, where he spent a few months in further study, young Komura at first entered the judiciary department of the home government. After three years here he was transferred to the foreign office, where he began at the bottom of consular positions and worked his way up. In 1894 he had reached the important post of secretary of legation at Peking and was acting minister on the eve of the outbreak of the Chino-Japanese war. It thus fell upon him to close diplomatic relations, close the legation and bear the flag of Japan back to Tokyo.

At the close of the war Mr. Komura was thrown into the middle of things in Manchuria, being made civil governor of the recently captured province of Antung. But through the interference of the powers Russia succeeded in taking the spoils of war that Japan had won, Antung going with the rest. Again returning to Tokyo, Komura was honored by the mikado with the decoration of the third order of the Sacred Treasure, and almost at once was sent as special commissioner and afterward as minister resident to Korea. This was the most important position he had yet held, as even then there was a diplomatic battle on between Russia and Japan for the control of Korean affairs. When the emperor took refuge in the Russian legation it was through the efforts of the Japanese minister that the foreign representatives signed an agreement and induced the frightened monarch to return to his palace.

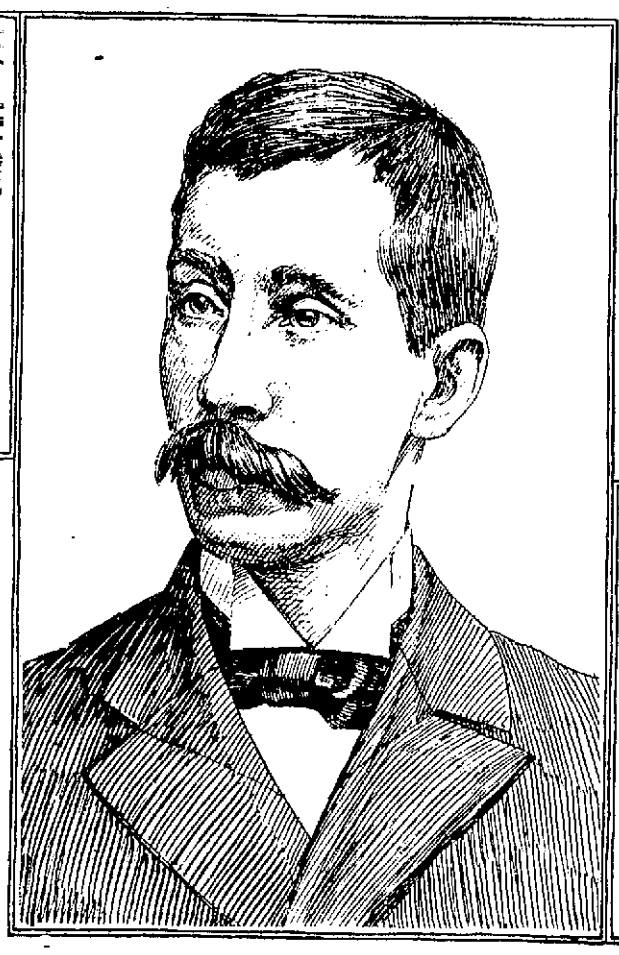


STUDYING LAW IN AMERICA.

Upon his recall to Japan Komura was made, first, a bureau chief in the foreign office and then vice minister of foreign affairs. This position he held until the latter part of 1898, when he was sent as minister to the United States.

The stay at Washington of Baron Komura—for at some time in his interesting career he was made a baron—was only a little over a year, but it was sufficiently long for him to renew old friendships, make new ones, deliver a number of public addresses and receive an LL. D. from Harvard. It was long enough, also, for those with whom he came in contact to learn thoroughly to like him. They found him affable, frank, cultured, unassuming, but keen, careful and capable. He was especially popular with newspaper men, for he was always free to talk, but enough of a diplomat never to say anything that he needed to take back or that in any way could involve him or his country, a thing that unhappily has not been true of all ministers.

Even in 1900 the tension between Japan and Russia was being drawn tighter than was entirely comfortable, and in February of that year affairs had reached a state that required a master diplomat to represent Japanese interests at St. Petersburg. Komura was chosen for the post. After a time the Boxer uprising came along, and there was need of a strong man as Japanese minister to China. Komura was called for that. Then in September, 1901, a new cabinet was formed in Japan. The long brewing conflict with Russia was taking form. The contest was still in the diplomatic stage, but in that field superior generalship was required. On the head of the foreign office would depend the fate of Japan in this fierce, though bloodless, conflict. There was one man who had all the qualifications for the place. If his career had been especially designed to this end it could not have better fitted him for the position. He had been in actual physical contact with every country involved—China, Korea, Manchuria and Russia. He had been given a five years' course in international law in America, supplemented by a year as minister to that country. He had held almost every post in the foreign office up to and including that of vice head. Step by step he had been intrusted with more and more trying positions. He had failed in none. What wonder that all eyes turned to Komura and that he has become the man of the hour in Japan!



BARON JUTARO KOMURA.



ABANDONING JAPANESE LEGATION AT PEKING.

It is difficult to measure the requirements of the position in which the practical head of the Japanese cabinet has been placed in the negotiations of the past two years. There was not only the outside problem to be met, but the inside one as well, for the Japs are an impulsive people, and they are in a patriotic fervor for war. It has been Baron Komura's effort to maintain peace, at least until the army and navy of his country could be prepared for the mighty and apparently unequal struggle. Komura knew and knows the strength of Russia. His eyes and ears were open during the time spent as representative to her capital. He has not been deceived by the cry that the Japs could whip her as they whipped China. But holding off a hotheaded and indignant people from war is no pleasant or easy task, especially when that people lives in the orient, where assassinations are frequent and where neither an official's ability nor his popularity shields him from the bullet or knife of some overzealous patriot. There has not lacked ground for just this fear in Komura's case. In fact, threats have been openly made against his life. The easy thing in such a case would have been to let the people have their way and plunge the nation into war. A less conscientious man would have had little trouble to excuse such a course. It would have been the popular thing to do; would, indeed, have made him the national hero for the time being. None of these considerations has apparently swayed Komura. Without bluster, but with firmness and dignity, he has held his own against the Russian foreign office, on the one hand, and against the too ardent war shouters of his own land, on the other. One hasty or ill advised step on his part would have precipitated the physical conflict at almost any time, and from the Japanese viewpoint there have existed more than ample grievances to have justified that action. Russia's stealing of the legitimate fruits of Japan's victory over China is not forgotten by the Jap. But Baron Komura has considered it better to err on the side of cautiousness than on the side of rashness. So he has preferred to steer a difficult course between a fire both in the front and in the rear rather than to bring on armed conflict while any other course was possible. Thus has he shown himself to be not only the skillful diplomat, but the conscientious statesman as well.

The master stroke in the negotiations thus far is unquestionably the recent double treaty of Japan and the United States with China opening the door into the capital of Manchuria and two of her Yalu river ports. Is it not entirely probable that this move was engineered by Komura? He had served as minister both at Peking and Washington; hence had formed personal friendships with the diplomats of these two countries. Japan was the nation chiefly concerned, so it is not probable that the suggestion came from either China or America. All indications point to Komura as the originator of the idea, and if he is, that fact marks him as a master of statecraft and as entitled to the diplomatic victory which he has won.

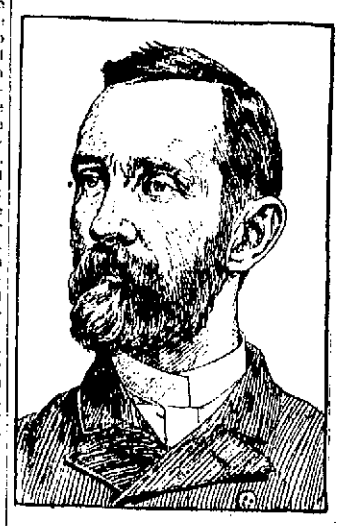
CHANNING A. BARTOW.

HOW SINGERS KEEP IN FORM.

The diet of a singer has to be as carefully considered and limited as that of an athlete in training. Mme. Melba is devoted to sweets, but she never allows herself one. Mme. Nordica confesses to sometimes having a perfectly childish craving for an abundant feast of sweets and pastries, yet she denies herself both. Mme. Patti has sacrificed practically everything to her voice.

A PROMINENT LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

One of the most scholarly and brilliant debaters on the Democratic side of the national house of representatives is David A. De Armond of Missouri. He was born in Pennsylvania fifty-nine years ago and while a young man took up the practice of law at Butler, Mo., his present home. He did not seek political honors, but almost against his will was made state senator, then circuit judge and afterward supreme court commissioner. When he was elected to congress the first time he did not enter the race for the nomination until his opponents had canvassed the district, but in such high esteem was he held that he easily captured the nomination. He is now serving his seventh term as a member of the house. He speaks extemporaneously, but for choice diction, clearness, force and grasp of his subject he has few equals on either side of the chamber. He is now assistant floor leader for the Democrats.



JUDGE DAVID A. DE ARMOND.

OF INTEREST TO BIRD LOVERS.

The story of the first introduction of canaries into Europe has been often told, but it may still interest some to know that the millions of captive canaries in the world are the descendants of a consignment in a ship wrecked 350 years ago off the island of Elba, where they multiplied until their marvelous singing powers caused their capture, till not a bird was left. In their natural state, as they still exist in the Canary and Madeira and other Atlantic islands, the birds are of a grayish green or greenish brown color and are not remarkable for beauty, but they have been known to burst the membrane of their throats in pouring forth their song.

INTERESTING PICTURES GATHERED FROM FAR AND NEAR

MARK TWAIN'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER.



The home life of Samuel M. Clemens, the dean of the college of American humor, is said to be as happy as his own expressions. Mrs. Clemens was a Miss Olivia Langdon of Elmira, N. Y., when she married the then Mississippi river steamboat man, who has since become the foremost humorist of any age. Miss Clemens inherits some of her father's wit, although she says it is hard to be the daughter of a man who has to live up to the public's expectations of a "funny man."

A FIREPROOF SUIT WHICH IS FIREPROOF.



There have been very many "fireproof" contrivances, theaters among the rest, that but added to the sport of the fire fiend, but the suit shown in the accompanying illustration, which has passed through many tests, has shown itself to be absolutely noninflammable. Over the helmet, which is much like that of a diver, an automatic spray constantly discharges water. On the inside of this helmet is a bag containing oxygen, which makes it possible for the wearer to breathe even in the densest smoke.

AN EYEWITNESS OF WATERLOO.

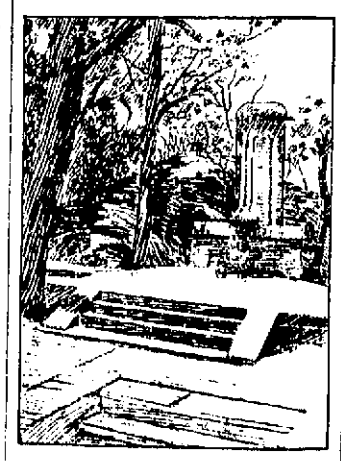
At Norwich, England, lives an old lady who is believed to be the only surviving eyewitness of the famous battle of Waterloo. She was born at Bearminster in 1810, hence was five years old at the time of Napoleon's final defeat. Her parents were visiting in Belgium in the vicinity of Waterloo when the battle was fought, and the impression on the child's mind was such that it has never been effaced.



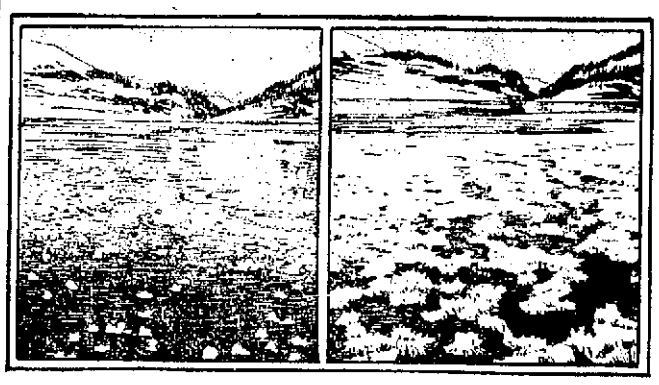
MRS. ELIZABETH WILKENS.

THE TOMB OF CONFUCIUS.

At Ch'ufowhsien, Shangtung, China, stands the tomb of Confucius, the celebrated Chinese philosopher, who died 478 B. C. The precepts of this great teacher have become the basis for much of the Chinese religion; hence this spot is one of the most sacred in the Celestial empire. The illustration is from the only photograph of the tomb in existence.



THE FROST FLOWERS OF ST. MORITZ.

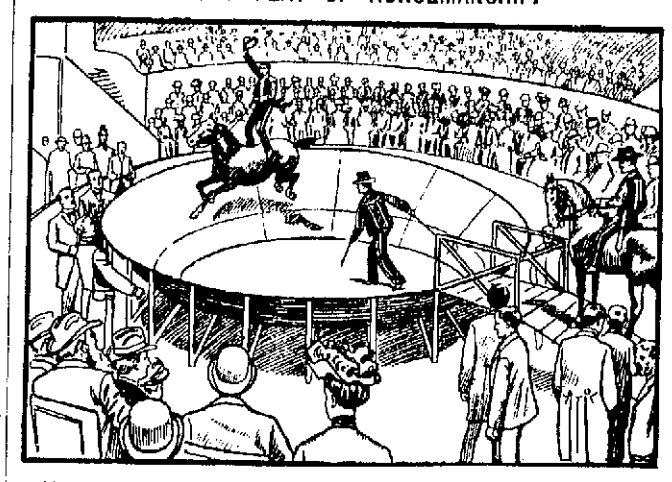


FIRST GROWTH OF THE FLOWERS ON THE ICE.

THE SAME SCENE TWO HOURS LATER.

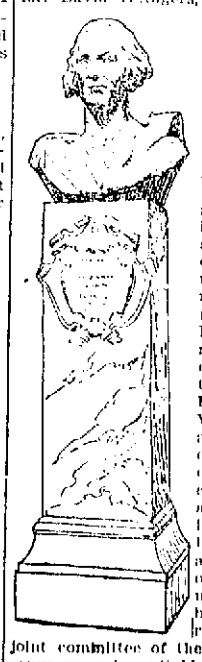
On the mountain lakes and streams surrounding St. Moritz, in the Engadine, Switzerland, is to be seen a series of very peculiar formations each winter. These are called "frost flowers," the name having been given them by Professor John Tyndall. They are fernlike in their forms of crystallization and are due to the sun's rays falling upon the ice. They ruin the surface of the lakes and rivers for skating. The illustrations are taken from recent photographs made of the peculiar growths, which are in no sense vegetable and are only referred to as "flowers" because of their peculiar resemblance to a field of snow white blossoms.

A NEAT FEAT OF HORSEMANSHIP.



Herewith is depicted a feat in horsemanship that has been thrilling visitors to the great Berlin circus for some little time and which in all likelihood will be seen in this country during the winter. It bears the significant title of "The Cowboy's Ride." So sharp is the ascent of the track around the circle that when at full gallop horse and rider appear to be almost horizontal with the ground. The feat, as is well known, is often performed on a bicycle, but on horseback it is much more difficult since the performer cannot adjust his speed with the nicety possible to the bicyclist.

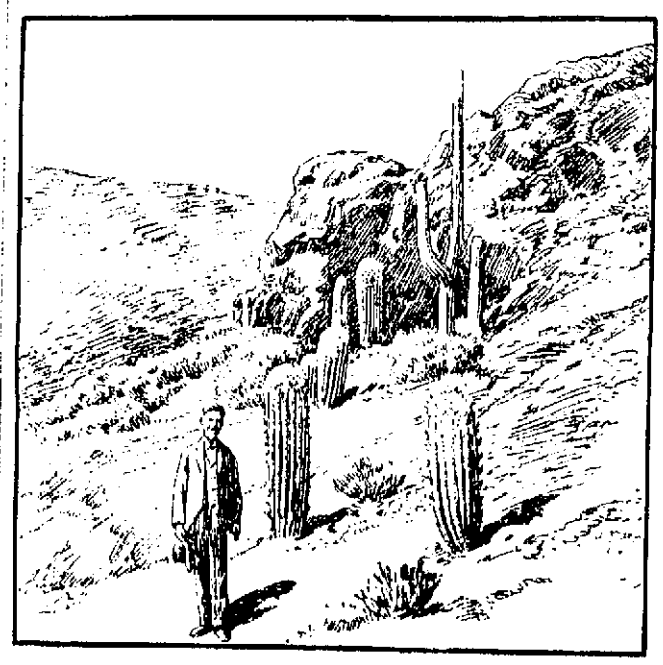
FAMOUS WORK OF ART REPRODUCED.



The famous bust of Washington made by the illustrious French sculptor, David D'Angers, which was destroyed in the burning of the Congressional library in 1857, is to be reproduced in bronze by order of the French government and presented to the American congress. The gift is designed to show the appreciation of the members of the mission which represented France at the recent unveiling of the statue to the Count de Rochambeau in Washington and as an expression of the gratitude of France because of that act. The Washington bust has been made from a plaster cast of the original marble. It will be appropriately received by a joint committee of the two houses of congress, and a suitable site will be selected for it in the capitol.

The average number of visitors in New York city is estimated at 250,000, and their stay is ten days

CACTUS RAISING A NOVEL INDUSTRY.



A unique industry that has been successfully developed in Arizona by Dr. R. E. Kunze, a former New Yorker, is that of raising cactus plants on a large scale. The accompanying illustration gives a view of the farm and of its enterprising owner. Dr. Kunze is primarily a scientist, and it was his love for botany that impelled him to see what could be done in the way of growing unique varieties of the ubiquitous cactus. At first he stocked his farm with every variety of the local plant, but by degrees began to import specimens from distant regions, until today the visitor to the cactus plantation will find all manner of oddities arrayed in a gorgeous color scheme

THE LATEST BALANCING FEAT.

In a play recently presented in this country two clever acrobats from Paris gave a number of rather sensational and startling exhibitions, the most difficult of which is here illustrated. The support resting on the chin of the athlete is not attached to the bicycle, which makes the feat all the more remarkable.



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SUNDAY TRAINS

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a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.43	5.00	5.58
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WESTERN DIV.

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Dr. Daniel A. O'Hearn of this city attended a banquet at Boston Monday night tendered by the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters to their medical examiners.

Fred C. Church, Lowell's enterprising insurance agent, has gone to New York and Baltimore in the interest of his many customers.

Aside from his large business in Lowell (the largest agency north of Boston) he also places large lines throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and the west, and while the companies represented at this agency are solid beyond a doubt or question, it is the policy of Mr. Church to make personal and searching investigations at all points. His numerous customers may, therefore, feel assured that their interests are being well watched and cared for.

WRIST FRACTURED

JAMES MADDEN SLIPPED ON THE FLOOR.

James Madden, residing at 146 Meadowcroft street, met with a painful accident while at work at the Massachusetts Mohair plush mill in Western avenue this morning. He was walking across the floor when he slipped and fell, fracturing his right wrist. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his injury was dressed.

WAS HELPLESS

Fire Alarm Saved Patrick Maguire's Life

But for the alarm from box 16 at 4.41 this morning, Patrick Maguire, 69, would have frozen to death in Union street where he was stricken with a shock and lay in the snow conscious but helpless.

Sergt. Freeman, in responding to the alarm, came upon Maguire. He was in the middle of the street and the officer fearful that some of the fire apparatus might come that way carried him to the sidewalk.

Two men who knew Maguire happened along and he was removed to his home at the corner of Cherry and Chapel streets. He is employed as fireman by the Hamilton corporation and was on his way to work when stricken by the shock. He has been in the employ of the Hamilton corporation for years and is a sober and industrious man. Maguire after receiving medical attendance stated that he had been in the street for about ten minutes and had given up all hope of any assistance when the officer arrived. When the alarm rang, he said, he expected that the horses would come that way and run over him.

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RUSSIAN-JAPAN WAR

(Continued.)

JAPAN CRITICIZED FOR MAKING ATTACK

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Japan's initial success in the far east with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur, produced a deep impression both on the people and military and naval critics here. The comment at the marine department was that even temporary disablement of three warships placed the Russians at a great disadvantage in the future operations. It was added that the torpedoing of the enemy's vessels lying under powerful land batteries must have been carried out darlingly and skilfully.

The socialist leaders and newspapers take an extreme anti-Russian position in their comments on the war.

The Tageblatt Rundschau, a paper much read by court, military and naval people, asserts in strong terms that Japan disregarded international law in attacking without a declaration of war.

FUNDS FOR JAPAN TO BE RAISED HERE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 Sutazuchi Uchida, the Japanese consul, presided at a dinner given last night by Japanese merchants of New York in honor of the victory of the imperial naval forces at Port Arthur. A committee was appointed to arrange for the raising of funds by the Japanese in this country in aid of the national cause and for a mass meeting of Japanese here in a few days. It is intended to raise $5,000,000 to be devoted to the regular war loan, to absolute gifts to the imperial government and to the maintenance of the Japanese Red Cross service.

MIDNIGHT ATTACK OF JAPANESE NAVY

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Accounts of the opening battle of the war, received here by the Associated Press, indicate that the Russian naval officials were taken wholly off their guard by the Japanese torpedo attack. They did not expect the Japanese would appear for three or four days or at least until a formal declaration of war had been made. As evening fell but one ship kept up a searchlight which with the lighthouses seemed to be all sufficient as no attack was expected. A few torpedo boats were patrolling in the outer harbor; all the others were within the basin when after eleven o'clock the deep silence was broken by three muffled explosions in quick succession, caused several of the vessels to vibrate violently, the Columbia in particular. Instantly the firing began, the searchlights were turned on, but the enemy could not be located.

At twenty minutes of three, Russian naval officers boarded the Columbia in great excitement, saying the viceroy had ordered the Columbia not to attempt to leave, presumably to prevent the ship from acquainting the Japanese with the extent of the Russian damage.

Daylight revealed two Japanese cruisers on the horizon.

After daybreak a strange apathy seemed to possess the Russians until twenty minutes past eight, when the Russians started in pursuit, going in shore towards Port Dalny. They returned at a quarter past nine without having fired.

It was almost 11 o'clock when the Japanese squadron of 16, including five battleships, appeared in fine order.

At a quarter past eleven there came the first flash from a Japanese vessel and a 12-inche shell landed near the torpedo boats grouped near the entrance of the harbor. The aim was splendid.

Owing to confusion on the part of the quarantine officials, or perhaps because the Russians thought the Japanese would not like to fire near the British flag the Columbia was close to the Russian fleet and in the line of fire and the Japanese shells fell thickly around her, several bursting near by and strewing the deck with splinters and water. The captain of the Columbia then, in spite of the protests of the Russian guards on board, got his vessel out of danger, making full speed for Che Foo.

The bombardment lasted until a quarter of twelve. Three Russian battleships were hit but the extent of the damage could not be ascertained. Apparently no ship on either side was disabled.

The Russian cruiser Novik fought pluckily, keeping closer by far than any other Russian vessel to the Japanese until the heavy fire concentrated on her compelled her to retire on the battleships.

Before action the men on the warships could be seen throwing lumber overboard. The Russian ships constantly wheeled around in the same position while the Japanese kept in battle formation and retired slowly in line to the southward.

The Columbia escaped with a small hole in her after deck.

FRANCE'S POSITION DECIDED UPON

PARIS, Feb. 10.—At a council of ministers yesterday under the presidency of M. Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse communicated the news of the first Japanese attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur, and announced that the French minister at Tokio had been instructed to secure the protection of Russian subjects and their interests in Japan.

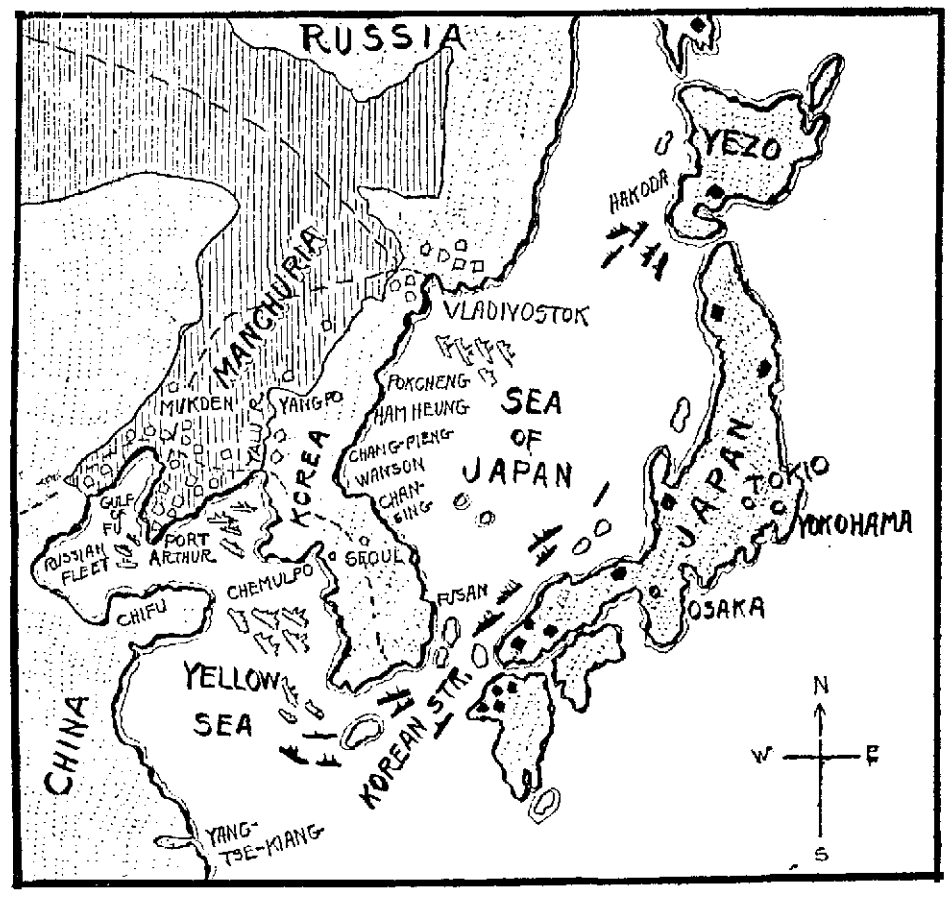
The attitude of the French government in view of the war, is now definitely determined upon. France will maintain neutrality under any and all circumstances, the Franco-Russian alliance being construed as not requiring France to intervene in behalf of Russia, even should Great Britain or any other third power intervene in behalf of Japan.

A CRUSHING BLOW DEALT TO RUSSIANS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In a despatch from Chefoo, dated Feb. 9, a correspondent of the Daily Express says:

"The Japanese have dealt the Russians a crushing blow at Port Arthur. An advance squadron of the Japanese fleet under command of Vice Admiral Togo, and comprising sixteen battleships and cruisers, with a numerous torpedo flotilla, left the main fleet off Shan Tung peninsula on Sunday, immediately that the news of the diplomatic rupture became known. This information was conveyed to the Japanese admiral by a destroyer despatched from Tushima Saturday evening.

"The Japanese scouting cruisers had given accurate information of the precarious situation of the Russian fleet outside Port Arthur. The squadron steamed slowly in battle formation Sunday, mid-day, and came within sight of Port Arthur under cover of darkness. It cruised slowly outside without showing lights. The Russians



WAR MAP OF THE FAR EAST.

The white squares show position of Russian army; the black squares show position of Japanese army. White ships are Russian; black ships are Japanese. The lines show territory claimed by Russia.

were lying in the roadstead apparently feeling secure from attack. Nearly all the Japanese torpedo boats were sent on their dangerous and daring task. They rushed full steam on the enemy, who were completely surprised. A great rattle of small arms greeted the invaders who, however, escaped unhurt and the Retvizan, the Czarevitch and the Pallada were almost immediately torpedoed. The Japanese dashed along the entire line of the Russians, exposed to a terrific fire from machine guns and small arms from both the ships and the shore. There was the utmost consternation among the Russians, which probably accounts for the Japanese torpedo boats escaping unscathed and rejoining the admiral outside. The admiral's fleet, during the attack, kept out of range of the Russian searchlights.

"Line of battle was then formed and the Japanese fleet moved in within a range of 2½ miles and opened fire on the Russians.

"Two large and two small British steamers engaged in the coasting trade, and an American flour ship, the Pleiades, are blocked inside Port Arthur harbor by the disabled battleships, says the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Chefoo, in a despatch dated Tuesday evening. The Russians are endeavoring by pumps and collision mats, he continues, to stop the holes in their battleships in order to take them inside at high water.

JAPANESE SHIPS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo yesterday. It is said the engagement began at 12 a. m. and continued until 3 p. m. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk, the larger one fired and hopelessly disabled. A part of her crew is reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured.

The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged.

Official confirmation of the report is unobtainable.

It was reported Monday that the Russian cruisers Korietz and Varing were lying at Chemulpo and it is possible that they were the vessels reported to have been engaged.

SERIOUS DIFFERENCES IN RUSSIAN CIRCLES

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10—A rigid censorship is exercised on all telegrams from Port Arthur and the public is still completely in the dark as to the result of the fighting there. The report given out by the admiralty yesterday of the sinking of eleven Japanese warships in the far east, traveled over Russia and Europe, and St. Petersburg was besieged by telegrams asking for confirmation. Later in the day, when doubt was cast on the accuracy of this report, public anxiety became more active.

Inquiries for an official statement were met with the response that in accordance with the circular issued last Sunday all official reports would first appear in the Official Messenger. The statement published in London that M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister presented the note from his government on Feb. 5th, is not true. This note was received here on the evening of Feb. 5th, but it was not presented until Feb. 6th.

Serious differences have arisen in high quarters over the command of the Russian land forces in the far east. One faction favors placing both land and sea forces under Viceroy Alexieff, and the generals and other high officers of the army believe that the prestige of General Kuropatkin, the war minister, is essential to achieving success with the land forces, and they therefore urge a division of authority.

In any event, it is understood that Viceroy Alexieff, as the czar's representative in the far east, will have general direction of the operations.

As to the passage of Lake Baikal by train across the ice appears to be too dangerous, the Russian reinforcements will cross the ice on foot and the war material will be transported over a temporary line.

A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Port Arthur says:

"In consequence of Korea's neutrality it is assumed here that Japan will be obliged to withdraw her infantry and artillery from Seoul. Much uneasiness is reported at Seoul owing to the arrival there of Japanese soldiers, who intend to build barracks. The Korean noblemen who have been residing in Japan have received permission to return home."

JAPANESE INFANTRY LANDED IN KOREA

ROME, Feb. 10.—The Patria publishes comment on the first engagement in the far east, supposedly from the pen of Admiral Bettolo, who has twice filled the post of minister of marine. The writer says:

"The result of this first attack is exceptionally grave, and shows that the Russian commander was not prepared. It points also to the possibility of future catastrophies. The Japanese showed notable perspicuity and foresight, and the fact that the Russians were surprised at night proves that they were not vigilant. If the Russian ships had been surrounded by metallic nets as is prescribed in warfare; if they had employed searchlights, and especially if their torpedo boat destroyers had been active, this surprise could not have brought such disastrous consequences. The Japanese have proved their water-scout service to be excellent, as in the darkness of night they knew exactly where to strike. As the Russians have no dock yard facilities in the east to repair the damages inflicted on their ships, it follows that the three vessels struck by torpedoes are useless for service in the present war."

Official advices here from Tokio say that four battalions of Japanese infantry have landed in Korea near Seoul.

RUSSIAN BOATS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

PARIS, Feb. 10—A dispatch received here from St. Petersburg says the Japanese fleet which attacked the Russian warships off Port Arthur Monday night included 17 armored vessels. The Russian battleships Bayarin and Czarewitch, according to the dispatch, were seriously damaged, and not simply "damaged" as announced from Port Arthur direct.

SERIES OF FIRES

In Jos. Flynn's Block on Elm Street

The ringing of three alarms from box 16, all within a space of seven hours, today, and all for fires in a block owned by Joseph Flynn in Elm place, off Elm street, has led the people to believe that there is some person who is trying to destroy Mr. Flynn's property. While three alarms were pulled in today, an alarm from the same box for a fire in the same building was sounded the first of the month.

At 1.56 o'clock this morning the fire department was summoned by an alarm from box 16 to the first fire and discovered it in a pile of old rubbish in the cellar. The barrel was filled with shavings and small chips of wood and if it had not been discovered when it was it is hard to tell what damage might have been done.

The fire was discovered by one of the members of a family named Birmingham residing on the first floor directly over where the fire occurred. One of the members of the family is ill in bed and while another of the family was getting a glass of water she detected the odor of smoke and also heard the crackling of the flames. It was at her instigation that the alarm was pulled in.

When the department arrived there was a lively blaze in progress but it was soon placed under control. After the last spark had been extinguished the department returned to their respective houses.

At 4.41 another alarm sounded from box 16 and when the firemen reached the vicinity of that box they learned that the fire was in the Flynn block, and some of them evidently thought that a spark from the first fire might have started another fire, but on this occasion the fire was in the partition which separates the kitchen from a bedroom in the Birmingham tenement.

The fire started directly in the rear of the place where the flour barrel is located. Upon investigation it was found that there was a large hole which at first resembled a rat hole but which afterwards was found to be a space which was left open when the building was erected.

One of the occupants of the house claimed that a spark from the first fire must have started the second one, but as they were in two separate parts of the house and as there was not the least sign of a trail where the fire could have travelled this theory was abandoned.

The firemen extinguished the second blaze and then returned to their houses again.

Early this morning Chief Hosmer telephoned to Fire Marshal's Aid Casey in Haverhill notifying that official to come to this city at his earliest opportunity.

At 9.49 this morning a third alarm from box 16 was pulled in and again when the fire department responded it was found that the trouble this time was in the Flynn building, but upon the arrival of the department there was no sign of fire. One of the occupants of the tenement said that there had been a big blaze where the second fire had started in the partition between the kitchen and bedroom, and that she had succeeded in extinguishing it with water.

When the firemen arrived there was not the least sign of fire or smoke and while they did not care about doubting the woman's word they thought it strange that there would not be some sign of smoke or fire.

The fire on the first day of the month was in the cellar of this building and started like the first one this morning, in a pile of rubbish.

Joseph Flynn who owns the building upon entering the tenement after the last fire this morning said, "It looks crooked to have three fires in this house today and four this month. It would seem to appear that someone is trying to burn my block."

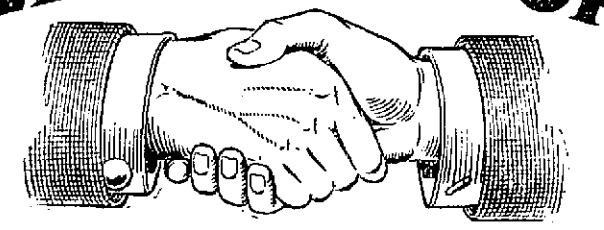
A representative of The Sun asked Chief Hosmer what he thought the cause of the fire was. He said:

"If I say it is suspicious people may think that I mean it was set intentionally. All that I care to say is that I have telephoned Casey to come to Lowell to investigate the fires."

Since some of the reporters on contemporaries misinterpreted Chief Hosmer's statement that the fire at O'Donnell & Gilbride's building was "mysterious" to mean that it was the work of a firebug, the chief has been rather careful about what statements he makes.

The insurance on the Flynn building is held by Fred C. Church.

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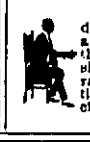
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Transports Bearing 2000 Russian Troops Captured by Japan—Eleven Russian Warships Were Put Out of Action by Japanese—Russia Complains of Japanese Attack Before a Formal Declaration of War—Troops of Both Powers Being Poured Into Korea

VLADIVOSTOK, FEB. 10—PRIVATE TELEGRAMS RECEIVED HERE REPORT THE COMPLETE ROUT OF THE JAPANESE BY THE RUSSIANS ON THE YALU RIVER. THESE ADVICES ALSO CLAIM THAT CHEMULPO, KOREA, HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS AND MARINES.

CRUSHING BLOW TO RUSSIAN FLEET

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A SPECIAL DESPATCH FROM TOKIO DATED TODAY SAYS IT IS REPORTED THERE THAT THREE TRANSPORTS OF THE RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS' FLEET, CONVEYING ABOUT 2000 TROOPS, HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE OFF THE KOREAN COAST.

RUSSIAN PAPERS CLAIM A VICTORY

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—2.30 p. m. No further details of the fighting off Port Arthur have been made public here, beyond the official bulletins. No telegrams from abroad concerning the attacks have been received. All newspaper despatches over the Siberian line have been stopped and the telegraph office forbidden to accept private messages for the far east, except over the Persian line.

Although sceptism regarding the current reports is expressed in certain quarters the full extent of the Russian loss has not been given out.

5.30 p. m.—Some of the newspapers here print extras claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported to have been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima was sunk. The people are demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the report and the announcement is discredited.

RUSSIA LOSES ELEVEN WARSHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A summary of the losses sustained by Russia in the first 24 hours of the war with Japan shows that 11 Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another and that the Japanese did not lose a ship.

The losses were as follows:

1—Battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

2—Battleship Czarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

3—Battleship Poltava (hole below water line), at Port Arthur.

4—Armored cruiser Boyarin, disabled by Japanese fire at Port Arthur.

5—Cruiser Pallada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached.

6—Cruiser Novik, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

7—Cruiser Askold, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

8—Cruiser Diana, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

9—First class armored cruiser Variag, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

10—Torpedo gun vessel Korietz, destroyed at Chemulpo, Korea.

11—Gunboat Mandju, said to have been seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki, Japan, where the Mandju was being repaired. Another report, however, says the Mandju is at Shanghai.

The Japanese fleet engaged seems to have consisted of two divisions under Admiral Kamimura, on the flagship Idzumo (armored cruiser) and Vice-Admiral Togo, on the flagship Asahi (battleship).

The Japanese vessels engaged were apparently, in addition to the Idzumo and Asahi, the battleship Fuji, the cruiser Oshima, the battleship Shikishima, the battleship Hatsus, the armored cruiser Yakumo, the armored cruiser Asdma, the armored cruiser Iwate, the cruiser Chitose, the cruiser Kasagi, the cruiser Takasago, and the torpedo gunboat Yoshino.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS LOST AT CHEMULPO

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received official confirmation from Tokio of the destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first class cruiser Variag and the third class cruiser Korietz.

The cruiser Variag, which was built at Cramps shipyard, Philadelphia, in 1893, was of steel and unsheathed. She was of 6500 tons displacement and her indicated horse power was 20,000. On her speed trials she made 24 knots per hour for eight hours. She was 400 feet long, 52 feet in beam and had a depth of hold of 20 feet. The Varing's armament consisted of twelve 6-inch quick-firing guns; twelve 12-pounder quick-firing guns; eight 3-pounder quick-firers, two 1-pounders and six torpedo tubes, two of which were submerged.

The Korietz was built in Stockholm. She was of steel and 206 feet in length, 35 feet in beam, 1413 tons displacement and 1500 indicated horsepower. Her speed was 13 knots. The armament of the Korietz consisted of two 8-inch breech loaders, one 6-inch breech loader, four 4.7-quick firers; two six-pounder quick-firers; four 1-pound revolving cannon and two torpedo tubes.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON RUSSIAN FLEET

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A despatch to the Central News from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned there Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians, the despatch says, were small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser grounded.

GERMANY RECEIVES NOTE FROM HAY

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Secretary Hay's note to the powers concerning the neutrality and integrity of China was delivered to the German government yesterday by Foreign Secretary Von Richthofen. The Associated Press understands the latter has already conveyed an intimation to Secretary Hay that his proposals are likely to be acceptable to Germany, because they tend to localize the war and avoid fresh subjects of international dispute. The step taken by the United States is regarded by the foreign office here as being an able move.

IMPORTANT BATTLE IS EXPECTED SOON

LONDON, Feb. 10.—"We are slow in negotiating, so we are making up for lost time by quickness in action," said Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, this morning. "The engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo were merely in accordance with plans long matured. So long as our forces are landed in Korea, I look for an important fleet action at Port Arthur. The Russian vessels are not likely to give up the advantage they gained by being under cover of their land batteries. By going to the Chinese side, however, the Japanese fleet by high angle fire, can drop in shells which would make it very uncomfortable for the Russian ships lying moored close to one another. Thereby it is hoped to drive out Viceroy Alexieff's forces. Possibly, like Admiral Cervera, he may anticipate fate and come into the open of his own accord. The present events merely to show the utter uselessness of Port Arthur from a strategic viewpoint."

Dealing with Secretary Hay's note to the powers on the subject of preserving the integrity of China, Baron Hayashi said:

"The neutrality of China was first suggested by my government and we received assurances that Chinese neutrality would be observed. Japan will certainly agree most heartily to Secretary Hay's proposition which appears chiefly to be due to the suspicion that Russia might find a pretext for military action against China. If, however, the United States and other powers contemplate the neutrality of Manchuria the case becomes very complicated. So long as there are Russian troops in Manchuria, Japan cannot regard it as neutral territory. I scarcely think the United States, Great Britain or any other power would be willing to drive the Russians out of Manchuria, however much they might insist that Manchuria is part of neutral China. So while we are anxious to assist in assuring the neutrality of China proper we have every intention of waging an aggressive land campaign in Manchuria itself. Having resorted to arms we shall probably go further than our modest demands made during the negotiations."

According to the official advices received by Baron Hayashi only four battalions of Japanese troops have up to the present been landed at Chemulpo, Korea.

RUSSIAN EMPIRE FIRED BY WAR FEVER

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—The whole city awaited anxiously last night for official news. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed in and around the newspaper offices and a crowd of people literally besieged the ministry of the interior where the Official Messenger is published, smart carriages driving up in quick succession and the highest and lowest of the inhabitants waiting in the ante-room or camping in the snow covered street, waiting patiently till far into the morning for the first numbers containing official bulletins. The text of these communications had leaked out among the newspapermen; but, as the law forbids the publication of such documents until they have appeared in the Official Messenger, the editors had to wait until the government organ printed the news before starting their own presses.

A favored few who succeeded in forcing an entry into the editorial rooms of the leading newspapers heard the first authentic news long before the issue of the Official Messenger. The Associated Press representative, calling on a well known editor, found him surrounded by a throng of officers and prominent citizens imploring him to read to them the telegrams he had just received. The editor, pale with emotion, recited the narrative of the bombardment of Port Arthur. More people kept coming in and the editor was compelled to read it over and over again. The crowds expressed furious impatience at the fact that there was nothing said about injuries inflicted upon Japanese warships.

This morning the city was placarded with bulletins and copies of the imperial manifesto.

The intense indignation with which the news of "the stab in the back" inflicted by Japan was received here seems to be general throughout Russia. The whole empire is fired by the war fever. From Kieff, Kharkoff, Ekaterinoslav and Moscow, come stories of patriotic demonstrations. Public halls and other festivities have been countermanded and the Red Cross society is besieged with fair applicants anxious to go to the front.

The state of the feeling here was illustrated at the theatres last night, when people demanded the national anthem. More remarkable was the refusal of the drosky drivers yesterday to accept money from officers whom they drove to the palace.

JAPANESE SOLDIERS OVERRUN KOREA

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10—All the pictures of the first three Russian ships torpedoed are sold out

The newspapers in general chorus denounce the action of Japan as being treachery, declaring that it is "truly Asiatic," but insisting that the issue of the conflict will not be decided by the naval engagements, as the Japanese will have to meet Russia on dry land, when the score will be wiped out.

The Novo Vremya says it is quite possible that the whole of Korea has been overrun by Japanese soldiers in disguise and that Russia may first have to assume the defensive. But when her forces in Southern Manchuria and Korea are increased the Japanese will realize what they have to meet.

"God, right and international law are on our side," the Russ says. "One hundred and thirty million Russian hearts are beating in unison in the desire to expunge the traitorous slight on Russian honor. Enough of defensive tactics! Let us drive out the foe."

The Bourse Gazette says: "Yesterday we longed for peace. Now we think only of war. The world soon will be startled by Russia's heroic work. Japan has placed herself beyond the pale of civilization. The upstart, pigmy Japan would not have dared to attack the giant Russia without the encouragement of England and America."

In this connection the Russ claims to have authority that the two new Japanese warships (the Nishin and Kasagi) were saved from certain capture by the Russian squadron bound for the far east under Admiral Wirenius (whose flagship is understood to be the Dmitri Donskoi) by the action of the commander of a British battleship in placing his vessel across the Suez canal and hoisting a signal of distress, thus delaying the Russians two days.

The anti-British feeling here is bitter it being asserted that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was launched from Wei-Wei.

Ambassador McCormick is busy taking over the affairs of the Japanese legation.

In spite of the state of public feeling there has been no attempt to molest M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister here, or his staff. The authorities are according M. Kurino special police protection. He has had no communication with the foreign office since the delivery of the last Japanese note and has made his farewell calls. He will leave St. Petersburg quietly tonight.

General Dragomiroy arrived in St. Petersburg today. He is one of Russia's greatest fighters and may be appointed commander in chief, as General Kuropatkin, the war minister, probably cannot be spared.

GERMANY PLEASED WITH HAY'S PLAN

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—The Cologne Gazette, which so frequently takes the foreign office view of different questions, referring to Secretary Hay's note says the plan suggested on the American initiative will certainly be well received in Germany as the neutralization of China is so entirely in its general interest and adds that the proposal is calculated to prevent hostilities against foreigners again breaking out in China.

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DOWD HEARING

John B. Cover Opposed a Pardon

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Claiming that the prisoner is suffering for a crime committed by another, several persons appeared before the pardon committee of the executive council at the state house today requesting the release from state prison of James Dowd of Lawrence, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1899, charged with assault with intent to kill. John B. Cover, of Lowell, the victim of the assault, opposed the petition.

James F. Logue, also of Lawrence, who was sentenced with Dowd for the same offense, was pardoned in December because of illness.

Col. John P. Sweeney appeared for petitioner. Letters were read from witnesses at the trial and from prisoners at state prison stating that Dowd was innocent and the Vaughns guilty. Col. Sweeney said conviction was secured mainly on identification of Cover supplemented by testimony of his neighbors. One of these says now that Dowd was not the man. A man named Kelly has told him that he aided the Vaughns in the assault. This man is said to have a criminal record. He lives in Lowell and is willing to appear. Mrs. Sarah Galbraith said the father of the Vaughn boys came to her husband two months after the assault and sold a watch for twenty-five dollars which her husband said was taken by the Vaughn boys. On cross examination she admitted she knew all this at the time of the trial and kept quiet. Robert M. Graham of Lowell said he had told the elder Vaughn that the watch belonged to Cover. Afterwards he told the Covers about the watch. He did this through sympathy for the Dowd and Logue boys, though he was not acquainted with them. Daniel W. Sullivan, a Boston detective, said he had seen Kelly in the state prison, who charged "Ollie" Vaughn with striking the blow. He would put the detective on the track of the watch but would not talk while in jail. The hearing was adjourned to next Tuesday.

CLOTHES ON FIRE

Willie Winn Nearly Lost His Coat

Willie Winn nearly lost today.

Willie Winn is the young man who formerly served as assistant to Tom G. Flynn, who drives a pauper department wagon during the day and shows the rising generation how to turn up the ace from the bottom, in the evening.

Since Willie left his job on the pauper department wagon he has been a frequent visitor at city hall and this noon he arrived there smoking a pipe that would take a general alarm to put out.

Once inside city hall the fumes of Willie's pipe soon had the employes of Sec. Courtney's office under a spell and he was ordered to put it out. Being an accommodating youth, Willie put the pipe in his pocket and thought no more about it.

In a few moments the office began to smell like an over worked garbage cremator and no one could quite fathom the cause of it.

Willie stayed around for a few minutes and then started out of the building. Upon reaching the walk in front of city hall he started to run across toward Merrimack street. The wind thus created did the business and in an instant Willie was enveloped in flames and smoke.

A man who was passing grabbed him and tore off his coat. Then the cause of the fire became apparent.

It was the pipe.

CLEARING THE TRACKS.

Supt. of Construction O'Donnell has a big gang of men at work clearing the ice and snow from between the car tracks throughout the city. This is done in anticipation of another storm. The snow and ice is packed so high between the rails that in many places the brake chains have made grooves in the ice.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

Will be sold at public auction on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the store numbered 215 Dutton street, the entire stock of ladies' garments, furs, millinery and boys' clothing, also the fixtures. Terms cash. Morris Lankin, mortgagee. E. E. Mansur, auctioneer. Lowell, Feb. 8, 1904.

SLICK STRANGER

Operated Successfully in This City

A slick stranger who has worked jewelers in this state has been operating in Lowell and has succeeded in getting away with more than $300 worth of jewelry. The police refuse to tell who his victims were, but they have notified the police in neighboring cities to be on the look-out for the slick stranger.

The clever scheme of the thief is worked on jewelers. The crook, who, is described as a young man apparently about 24 years old, a good talker and dresser, enters a store where diamonds or precious wares are sold, and after looking over some of the stock, decides not to buy.

He then hesitates a moment, and in a burst of confidence tells the salesman that he is about to buy his wife a present, but adds that he wishes his wife to see it. He then asks the clerk to send a precious sunburst or necklace up to his rooms for his wife to see.

The man always selects two rooms with an entrance and an exit. Upon the arrival of the bearer of the precious burden the crook, who is in the front room, greets him and looks at the article. While inspecting it he calls, presumably for his wife to come from the back room.

Of course there is no answer and the aggravated husband (?) goes into the other room, ostensibly to find out why his wife failed to respond.

This is usually the last seen of the "loving husband" and the messenger is obliged to return and report the loss to the jeweler.

ALL CITIZENS INVITED

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE WILL WELCOME SUGGESTIONS PERTAINING TO CITY'S MANAGEMENT.

The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations will give a public hearing at City Hall, Wednesday, February 10, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of obtaining the views of all citizens in relation to the management of city departments.

The committee will welcome any views which may be given in the direction of reducing the expenses of the city of Lowell or in relation to a more economical conduct of any department thereof.

FRANK M. DOWLING,
Clerk of Committees.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair and continued cold tonight. Thursday fair, probably followed by snow; warmer Thursday; brisk northerly winds.

FUNERAL NOTICE—The funeral of Thomas H. Dulligan will take place from the parlors of C. H. Molloy in Market street at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Burial in the Catholic cemetery. His death is believed to have been accidental.

NO COMMITTEES

President Braden Still Holds Them Back

Many of the members of the common council expected that the committees would be named by President Braden last evening and they were somewhat disappointed when they found that the president had no intention of naming them.

When it was suggested to President Braden this morning that he was delaying important city business he replied: "Why don't the aldermen bullet on the board of health? They are delaying business as well as the common council."

The president's remarks bear out what The Sun intimated on Tuesday evening, namely, that President Braden is holding back his committees for political reasons, regardless of the oath of office which binds him to place the best interests of the city foremost.

The health and other departments will run all right whether new officials are elected at their heads or not, but unless joint standing committees to which the city's business must by law be referred before it can be acted upon by the entire body are appointed the city's business cannot be transacted.

GRADE CROSSING

This morning the railroad commissioners issued an order approving the plan for the abolition of the grade crossing at Princeton street in the town of Chelmsford, on the Boston and Maine railroad. The railroad company had opposed the findings of the special commission which recommended the abolition of this crossing, its contention being that "in view of the amount and character of the work of this kind in which it is actually engaged in other places and of the comparatively light traffic upon this branch line the proposed separation of grades in Chelmsford is not called for at the present time. The board calls attention to the fact that this road has been made a state highway and consequently large sums have been expended on it and that a large number of trains pass the crossing daily."

LOWELL WOMAN

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The ladies of the G. A. R., at their meeting this afternoon, elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Jennie Ferguson of Lowell; senior vice-president, Mrs. H. Maria Ward, Salem; junior vice-president, Mrs. A. P. Quimby; treasurer, Mrs. Martha F. Gilman, Lynn; chaplain, Mrs. Lena Palmer, Haverhill.

All but first two rows of the gallery 25c.—for "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

Mrs. H. Randall is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Lewis, at Pelham, N. H.

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Providence River Oysters, and everything else in the sea food line at bottom prices.

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THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

DIED IN POVERTY

Erastus Wiman Once Had a Fortune

HE PASSED AWAY IN A COTTAGE

In Shadow of His Former Mansion

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Erastus Wiman died last night in a little cottage on Staten Island, to which, with his wife, he had repaired after his fortune had been swept away and his health was broken. With Mr. Wiman at his death were his wife, his son, Henry Dun Wiman, and his daughter, Mrs. Norman F. Walker. Another son, Louis Erastus Wiman, of Schenectady, and a daughter, Mrs. Jacob Crum, were summoned home, but not in time to see their father alive. A third son, Douglas Dwight Wiman, has been recalled from Honolulu.

So rapid are the changes in these times that Erastus Wiman has been all but forgotten. Yet only a few years ago he was a power in many great enterprises. A decade ago his name was almost a household word in Canada and the United States. His great plans for the upbuilding of Staten Island failed entirely. His fortune disappeared and with it went his grasp upon commercial enterprises.

He was born in Churchville, Ont., April 19, 1834, and until he was well past 60 he remained a faithful subject to Great Britain, though thoroughly American in his characteristics. He took out naturalization papers less than seven years ago, thinking thereby to assist in a political movement in which he was greatly interested, but which, like most of his ambitions, came to naught.

His only education was obtained in the schools of his native village, and Erastus Wiman began his battle for fortune when only 13 years of age as errand boy in a newspaper office. Before he was 21, he was recognized as an authority in the financial world. He attracted R. G. Dun, who, in 1865, brought him to New York and gave him a position of much responsibility in his commercial agency. Mr. Wiman insisted upon making the agency grow. When he took control there were 16 branches, and a few years later he had 105 branches and an agent in every American city of importance. R. G. Dun & Co. changed its name to Dun, Wiman & Co. Wiman made the business all it came to be. Later the partners quarreled. Mr. Wiman withdrew and had to fight desperately to keep from spending the remainder of his life in prison, and the original name, R. G. Dun & Co. was resumed.

He had three pet ambitions. He was enthusiastic for commercial reciprocity with Canada. Believing in Staten Island, he planned to make it one of the greatest railroad centres of the country. His third ambition was to obtain control of railroad properties and be a railroad builder and projector. Robert Garrett, then in control of the Baltimore & Ohio, was interested in the plans of Erastus Wiman, and promised to bridge the Kill Von Kull channel and to make a terminus of his road in Staten Island. The plans were well matured, but Mr. Garrett died.

After that the downfall of Mr. Wiman was rapid. Mr. Wiman, in 1894, was tried upon charges nominally brought by R. G. Dun. He was convicted and sentenced to five years and six months in prison. The supreme court reversed the verdict, but Wiman was crushed and defeated. He fought desperately to rise again, and was identified with many unsuccessful ventures. Less than a fortnight ago his furniture was sold at public auction. He died in a cottage almost in the shadow of his former mansion.

LIST OF VICTIMS

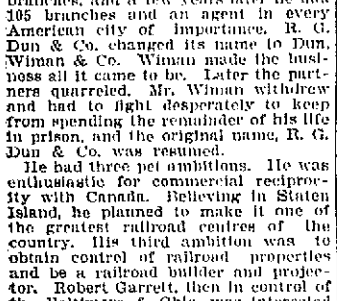
FIFTEEN KILLED IN COLLISION ON "SOO" ROAD.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 10.—A revised list of the dead, the result of yesterday's collision of two "Soo" trains near Sand Point shows that there are fifteen dead, as follows:

J. J. JACKSON, engineer.
J. ROBINSON, express messenger.
G. PRICE, fireman.
J. DUPUIS, fireman.
WILLIAM McCULLEN, newsboy.
JOHN TOOLE, baggageman.
I. THOMPSON, Montreal express messenger.

Passengers:

ADOLPHUS SEGUIN, Hull.
JOSEPH CHALUT, Hull.
EMMA POUILLET, Whitney.
JAMES HIGGINS, Ottawa.
J. CARTIER, address unknown.
M. LA BRUNT, address unknown.
Two shanty men, names unknown.
Twenty persons were injured.



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GREEK DOCTOR

Practised Medicine Without a License

The case of Atharasios Yiurukes, charged with practising medicine without being duly licensed, came up in police court today. Counsel for the defendant, after the government had rested its case, told the court that ignorance of the law was responsible for the defendant's action and while he did not submit that as an excuse to be recognized by the court, he thought it would do no harm to admit it. He said that his client had graduated from a university in Athens and is a skilful physician. He further stated that his client had made application for a license to the state board and would take the examination March 8. He asked for a continuance of the case to that time.

Judge Hadley said that the minimum fine for the offence with which the defendant was charged is $100. He said he did not wish to be severe and told the clerk to find Yiurukes guilty and continue the case to March 11 for sentence. He told counsel for the defendant that in the event of his client failing to pass the examination the court would impose the minimum fine of $100.

Two witnesses appeared for the government. One of them said that the defendant had attended his wife in confinement and that he had also attended a child of his that died. He said he did not give the child any medicine, but recommended certain baths. He further stated that the defendant did not take any money for his services, but told the witness that he could settle with him after he, the defendant, had become a full-fledged doctor. The other witness said that the defendant had attended a child of his and that he had paid him for his services.

The defendant has been in Lowell about 45 days and those of his countrymen who knew him in the old country say that he is a skilful physician and that he will have no trouble in passing the examination.

FOR ILLEGAL KEEPING.

Matthew Whelton, through his counsel, pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with illegally exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors and was fined $75. The case of Owen T. Mulligan, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was continued for one week.

William H. Handley pleaded not guilty to a complaint charging him with beating and otherwise abusing a horse on January 23. Agent Richardson of the Humane society is the complainant and he asked that the case be continued to tomorrow morning.

The case of Albert Bernard and Patrick J. Casey, charged with larceny, came up on continuance and was re-continued. The government was not ready to go on with the case because the man from whom, the police allege, the money, $30, was stolen, was not in court. His name is Joseph J. Gannon and he lives in Manchester, N. H.

All but first two rows of the gallery 25c.—for "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

POLICE BOARD

MINOR LICENSES GRANTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

At the regular meeting of the police board last evening the following licenses were granted:

Pool and billiards, Alfred T. Howe, 2 Mammoth road, and Charles W. Greenwood, 109 French street.

Junk collector, Abram Nowack, 122 Howard street.

Hawker and peddler, William P. Sutcleford, 3 West Adams street.

Lunch wagon, Patrick Daly, corner of Race and Merrimack streets.

The license of Special Officer Edward Farrell was revoked.

The common victualler's license held by Styrinopoulos & Pollchronopoulos at 450 Market street was revoked.

PAPER TRADE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The national paper trade association of the United States, which was temporarily organized Dec. 15 last, has come together here in its first annual meeting. At the opening session the association was placed on a permanent basis.

There have been heretofore six local organizations in different sections of the country. Each of these took in several states with headquarters respectively at Boston, Chicago, Baltimore, Columbus and Minneapolis. These bodies now become subsidiary organizations to the national association.

The association starts out with 150 firms as members, nearly all of which were represented. The membership includes jobbers only, but the merchandise which they handle embraces all kinds of paper, from the coarsest wrapping to the choicest art products. The object in forming the association, it is stated, is to protect the interests of the jobber in his relations to both the manufacturer and the retailer and to put an end to what are regarded as abuses now existing.

Officers were elected including O. A. Miller of Columbus, Ohio, president; I. W. Carpenter, Omaha, second vice president; A. F. Peck, Detroit; F. L. McLellan, St. Paul and E. V. Kimbark, Chicago, members of the executive committee.

Resolutions adopted by the paper manufacturers were presented informing the jobbers of their readiness to co-operate and recommending the elimination of brokers from the trade.

EX-SENATOR ELLSWORTH DEAD.

LOCKPORT, N. S. Feb. 10.—Former Senator T. E. Ellsworth died at his home here at 5 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for 10 days with sciatic rheumatism and his condition became serious yesterday. His heart was affected and death followed.

Senator Ellsworth was born at East Windsor, Hartford county, Conn., Sept. 21, 1836.

"Friends"—the most ambitious amateur production ever attempted in Lowell—at the Opera House Thursday night.

RUSSIAN-JAPAN WAR

(Continued.)

RUSSIAN CRUISERS OPENED ATTACK

LONDON, Feb. 10.—2 p. m. Official advices from Tokio, received by Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister, say the Japanese admiral on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian cruisers giving them a time limit in which to leave. Shortly afterwards the Russians came out and attacked a Japanese torpedo boat which replied with a torpedo ineffectively. A general exchange of shots then followed. After a hot fire the Russians returned to Chemulpo and sank at the entrance of the harbor. It is not yet known whether their sinking was due to the Japanese fire or to the Russian's own action; but it is believed to be due to the former. The crews of both the Russian vessels sought refuge on a French warship at Chemulpo. There were no casualties among the Japanese and their vessels sustained no damage.

"SUPREME MANIFEST" ISSUED BY THE CZAR

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—The Official Messenger this morning contains the following "supreme manifest:"

"By the grace of God, we, Nichols II, emperor and autocrat of all the Russias, etc., make known to all our loyal subjects:

"In our solicitude for the maintenance of peace, which is dear to our heart, we made every exertion to consolidate tranquility in the far east. In these peaceful aims we signified assent to the proposals of the Japanese government to revise agreements regarding Korean affairs existing between the two governments. However, the negotiations begun upon this subject were not brought to a conclusion and Japan, without awaiting the receipt of the last responsive proposals of our government declared the negotiations broken off and diplomatic relations with Russia dissolved.

"Without advising us of the fact that the breach of such relations would in itself mean an opening of warlike operations, the Japanese government gave orders to its torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron standing in the outer harbor of the fortress of Port Arthur. Upon receiving reports from the viceroy in the far east about this, we immediately commanded him to answer the Japanese challenge with armed force.

"Making known this decision we, with unshaken faith in the help of the Almighty and with a firm expectation of and reliance upon the unanimous willingness of all our loyal subjects to stand with us in defence of the fatherland, ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces.

"Given at St. Petersburg, Jan. 27, 1904, A. D. (New calendar, Feb. 9, 1904), and in the tenth year of our reign.

"Written in full by the hand of "His Imperial Majesty, Nicholas."

FUND OF $25,000 TO HELP JAPAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 10.—A committee of the Japanese association composed of the leading Japanese here has decided to raise $25,000 to help Japan in prosecuting the war with Russia.

MANY JAPANESE RETURNING HOME

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 10—Twenty-five Japanese sailed last night for Japan. They will be joined at Victoria by a like number of their countrymen. It is estimated that there are in this province between 12,000 and 18,000 Japanese and among them are between 3000 and 4000 men who are liable to be called upon to serve their country.

STEAMER COLUMBIA STRUCK BY A SHELL

CHEFOO, Feb. 10.—The British steamer Columbia, which arrived here yesterday from Port Arthur, bringing news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet, reports that the Columbia had a narrow escape from injury. Her passengers and crew were very much excited. While going out of the roads at Port Arthur, the Russian cruiser Novik got between the Columbia and the Japanese fleet. Shells which passed over the Novik struck around the Columbia. Her flag was cut into shreds and one shell fell on her deck. The faces of those who were on deck were blackened with powder smoke. A naval officer who was recently at Port Arthur says the Russians were not prepared for the attack on their ships and had an insufficient amount of steam up. A boat patrolled the straits of Pe Chi Li continuously, but apparently the Japanese torpedo boats were not noticed until after the first torpedo was fired. The Russians fired but the Japanese did not return the fire and backed off. An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the torpedo boats withdrew some distance. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the Japanese fast cruisers circled within view of the whole Russian fleet, but they were not engaged. The Russians returned towards the shore after an hour. The Japanese, continuing, came within three miles. A battle then began between Russian forts and fourteen ships and sixteen Japanese vessels. A few of the Japanese shells were effective, but as far as seen, the Russian shots fell short. The Japanese fleet was steaming towards Dalny when last seen.

The steamer Columbia left just before Tuesday morning's contest began and was unable to learn the result. It is probable that the Japanese fleet was convoying twenty-six troopships from Sasebo to some port of Korea. Japanese are reported to be in possession of the southern portion of the peninsula.

The Russian war vessels at Vladivostok are the armored cruisers Burik, Rossia, Gromoboi and the Bagatyr, a screw corvette, built in 1860. Russia has a thousand tons of coal at Port Arthur, but the coal must be taken out to the battleships in lighters until the battleships disabled by the Japanese are floated.

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EUROPEAN POWERS ENDORSE HAY'S NOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—Announcement may be expected from the state department, probably today, of the hearty endorsement by the European powers of the note of Secretary Hay calling on them to take concurrent action with the U. S. in its efforts to insure the neutrality of China and to confine the Japanese-Russian war to these two combatants. A sufficient number of governments have been heard from, including Great Britain, to insure the success of Secretary Hay's "latest diplomatic move."

Japan, it can be stated on the highest authority, welcomes the action of this government, and while up to a late hour last night the Russian position had not been ascertained, officials of the state department feel confident the representations of this government will be received with favor at St. Petersburg.

It is felt that any official word on the subject would be imprudent at present, but it can be said that unofficially it was known in advance that Germany, Great Britain and France and Japan were all anxious that the neutrality of China be preserved.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE AT ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10—There was an unprecedented scene at the religious service held in the winter palace yesterday afternoon. At the command of the czar a great concourse of ministers, court officials, high state functionaries, ladies of rank and military men assembled in St. George's hall, all the men arrayed in full uniform. After some delay the czar entered, wearing the uniform of the First Guard regiment of Russia, with the dowager czarina on his arm. The young czarina, wearing her favorite white and silver, followed, escorted by the Grand Duke Michael, the heir presumptive. The entire imperial family followed in order of precedence.

Approaching a group of naval and military officers his majesty turned gravely and greeted them with the customary Russian phrase:

"I wish you good health, gentlemen."

The officers responded with a loud acclaim, shouting vigorous hurrahs.

The scene became one of wild enthusiasm, amidst which the imperial procession moved forward, entered the chapel, advanced to the altar and stood with bowed heads while the choir and clergy intoned an impressive intercessory service of the Greek church. An intensely religious spirit prevaded the assemblage, which crowded the little palace chapel.

The court chaplain approached the czar and sprinkled him with holy water from the chalice and presented a crucifix which the czar kissed fervently.

At the conclusion of the service the imperial party slowly retired. As they re-entered the palace another scene of enthusiasm greeted them. The czar made no address. Darkness had fallen before the service was finished. Those who attended the religious service at the palace yesterday asserted that the Japanese had attacked Port Arthur and that the fight was still in progress. From the same source it was asserted that the damage done to the Russian warships by the Japanese torpedoes was not serious.

UNITED STATES WILL BE NEUTRAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday, long and careful consideration was given to the situation developed by the Russian and Japanese war. Almost the entire time was devoted to a discussion of the far eastern situation. It is not anticipated that the U. S. government may be drawn into the conflict, although its progress will be watched closely and anxiously by this government. It was decided that the United States should preserve absolute neutrality between the combatants, but is scarcely likely that a proclamation will be made formally of that decision until official advices of the actual beginning of hostilities have been received.

BLOW TO RUSSIA IS HAY'S NOTE

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Secretary Hay's note to the powers on the integrity of China created great interest at the Japanese legation here, where it was characterized as "A serious blow to Russia."

This statement, however, the legation officials refused to be quoted.

The daily papers published the note with general prominence and while admitting its extreme importance and urging the most careful consideration of the proposal, they comment upon it in a tone of considerable caution. The Times hopes it will meet with general support as it would limit the danger of the disturbance from the world.

The Morning Post points out that the difficulty is to define what is meant by "China," but says it thinks Great Britain would readily assent to Secretary Hay's proposal.

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TRACKS COVERED

THE TRAINS UNABLE TO PLOUGH THROUGH WATER.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 10.—Backwater from the gorge which extends from McFalls ferry to Bainbridge on the Susquehanna river covered the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad at Bainbridge this morning to the depth of three feet. Four freight trains are stalled at the flooded tracks with the water up to the cab floors. The water is slowly receding after having reached the record mark made in the flood of June, 1889.

Help to rebuild St. Patrick's—See "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The stock market opened irregular. Amal. Copper 45¾, Atchison 67¾, Baltimore & Ohio 79½, Brooklyn Transit 41, Canadian Pacific 116¼, Erie 26, do first pfd. 64⅝, Louisville 103½, Missouri Pacific 89¼, Norfolk & Western 58½, Ont. & Western 21⅝, Penna. 114¾, Reading 42⅝, Rock Island 22¾, Sugar 124½, St. Paul 141, Southern Pacific 46⅛, Southern Railway 20⅝, Texas Pacific 22⅝, Union Pacific 77⅞, U. S. Steel 11½, do pfd. 58, Wabash pfd. 26¼.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—The stock market today made less effective resistance to the depression reflected from foreign markets than was the case yesterday morning. The railroad list was generally lower but there was a considerable list of specialties showing fractional gains. Hocking Coal, Virginia-Carolina Chemical and Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie pfd. rose a point.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Vote to Settle the Erie Tax Cases for $28,000

Gas Hearing and Other Matters Disposed of — Opposition to Giving State 50 Per Cent. of License Money

Both branches of the city council assembled in joint convention last evening and after hearing from City Solicitor Hogan and Hon. George F. Richardson on the status of the Erie tax cases and the offer of settlement in the sum of $28,000, voted 32 to 4 to instruct the city solicitor to effect a settlement at once.

Both branches, by concurrent vote, adopted a joint order introduced by Alderman Miskella, instructing the mayor and city solicitor to appear in opposition to the bill to give half the license money to the state at a hearing to be held at the state house today.

The board of aldermen gave a hearing on the petition of the Lowell Gaslight company for a franchise.

The upper branch refused to ballot for a member of the water board and laid the board of health appointments on the table.

The common council transacted but little business and adjourned early.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

At 8.45 Chairman Miskella called to order with all the members present.

A minor hearing was given on the petition of the Electric Light company to erect poles in order to wire to the new French church, and there was no remonstrance.

A joint order providing for a reduction of 10 per cent. in all water bills paid within 30 days, to go into effect April 1, was read and adopted.

Aldermen Wilson and Hill were appointed a special committee to approve the clerk's record.

A couple of street petitions were referred to the street committee "when such committee shall be appointed."

CHAIRMAN MISKELLA'S RESOLUTION.

Chairman Miskella then read the following resolution introduced by himself:

Resolution expressing disapproval of Lowell's city council to bill before the Mass. legislature.

Resolved, by the board of aldermen and common council of the city of Lowell in city council assembled, as follows:

That whereas the bill now pending in the Mass. legislature entitled, "Relative to the appropriation of fees for the sale of intoxicating liquors to be paid to the Commonwealth," provides that one-half of the money obtained from licenses for the sale of liquors in all cities of the Commonwealth shall be paid into the state treasury, instead of one-fourth of the amount, as at present, and

Whereas, the city of Lowell, if such a bill became law would be obliged to pay to the state more than $80,000 of its license money instead of over $40,0006, as at present, it is

Resolved, that such a law would work a great hardship upon the city of Lowell, and be it further

Rerolved, that the city council of the city of Lowell, hereby enter its disapproval of the protest against the said bill becoming law, and that his honor the mayor and the city solicitor be requested to appear in remonstrance at a hearing to be given at the state house, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1904."

Mr. Miskella spoke briefly in favor of the resolution, stating that as the citizens of Lowell had voted for license it would seem that the city of Lowell was entitled to all the financial benefits accruing therefrom. In the last year of license he said the total amount paid for licenses was $171,245, of which $43,000 went to the state and $128,183 to the city. Under this proposed law the state will receive $43,000 more, and he believed that that amount should not be lost by the city.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

A joint order for a joint convention to be held forthwith to consider the Erie tax cases was adopted and a recess was taken until such time as the lower branch would be ready.

JOINT CONVENTION.

At 9.15 o'clock Chairman Miskella called the joint convention to order. City Solicitor Hogan and Lawyer Richardson who have conducted the Erie tax cases for the city were among those present at the joint convention.

Chairman Miskella before reading the order authorizing the city solicitor to settle the tax cases introduced City Solicitor Hogan to explain their nature. Mr. Hogan explained that in 1889 Charles E. Adams, James W. Bennett, Levi Sprague, Charles J. Glidden, Francis Jewett, Asa C. Russell and J. W. C. Pickering were each taxed $2576 for stock in the Erie telephone company, the aggregate amount being $18,032.

The directors refused to pay the assessment and suit was brought in 1896. In 1898 the cases were tried against all except Adams and judgment of $4400 was obtained against each of the six. The supreme court of Massachusetts sustained the verdict of the lower court and counsel for the defence took one of the cases to the U. S. supreme court. In August last a decision was received in the city's favor. The interest and costs added to the original amount of $18,000 made a total judgment of $38,500 or an average of $6500 against each director.

"Mr. Richardson and myself," said Mr. Hogan, "have been trying to arrange a settlement. In four of the cases we could enforce execution immediately on the estates of Sprague, Jewett, Russell and Pickering. Now, when we started to enforce the executions a proposition was made to settle for $20,000 and we refused it, asking for at least $30,000. Finally they offered us the lump sum of $28,000 to settle all the cases and we thought it a good offer, all things considered. We did not have the temerity to refuse it and yet did not like to accept it without asking your consent. In the course of the 14 years during which the matter has been in litigation many changes have taken place and among those whom we sued are some who have since gone to the wall. In the cases of two of the men against whom there is judgment we are satisfied that we cannot collect and one we will never collect. Thus the $11,000 lost in these two cases would leave the city $500 less than the amount of this settlement. In addition to this the Adams case is yet to be tried and a trial will mean a great cost. We are not in a position to collect from Charles J. Glidden without more delay. The only money that we would be able to collect at once will be $16,500 from the Russell, Jewett and Sprague estates. It is possible in a year to get Adams and Glidden and it is possible that some future city solicitor may get Pickering's. The other we will never get. Thus all things considered we believe this settlement of $28,000 in cash to be paid in 10 days a most favorable one and recommend that you instruct us to make it."

Hon. George F. Richardson spoke briefly in endorsement of all that Mr. Hogan had said.

Chairman Miskella then read the joint order authorizing the city solicitor to make a settlement.

Alderman Carmichael wanted more time to consider the proposition and thought that the two boards should act separately on the matter.

Councilmen Dodge and Peterson apparently "had it in" for the Erie directors for they believed in getting every cent possible out of them.

Alderman Wilson stated that in private business the members would not hesitate to take the advice of such able counsel and while he was not familiar at all with the cases he was satisfied to accept the advice and judgment of the gentlemen who had spoken.

The matter was put to vote and the order was adopted by a vote of 32 to 4, Alderman Carmichael and Councilmen Dodge, J. W. Fleming and Peterson in the negative.

The convention then dissolved.

The board upon resuming its session adopted the Molly Varnum hearing order in concurrence and a hearing will be given on Feb. 23.

The mayor's appointment of Dr. Huntress and William R. Doherty was laid on the table by a strict party vote.

GASLIGHT HEARING.

The Chelmsford Gaslight company hearing was then in order and Edward D. McVey, president of the company, took the floor. Mr. McVey first took up his personal petition protesting against the additional burden placed upon gas consumers by the Lowell Gaslight company by the additional issue of 2000 shares of stock for a coal gas plant while it has a water gas plant which it proposes to allow to lie idle. He claimed that if the company built two things from capital stock and one lies idle the public should be taxed only for the one that earns an income. He asked the city council to go before the gas commissioners on the question.

He then took up the petition of the Chelmsford Gaslight company and showed that company to be a Massachusetts corporation, just as the Lowell Gaslight company, subject to the same laws and requirements. It is capitalized for $300,000, every cent of which must be paid in before a pick can be sunk in the streets. It has the permission of the town of Chelmsford to operate in any of the streets or roads in that town. Mr. McVey said that if the board would do its part and consider the proposition to pay the sum of $25,000 for a franchise the directors would live up to their proposition in the matter. He asked for the same rights in the city of Lowell as the Lowell Gaslight company now enjoys. He considered that the duty of the aldermen to their party ended when their duty to the people began. He believed his offer much fairer than was the position of the home company, which in violation of the law tore up the streets of the city at will. The offer was unusual, he knew, but he believed it was entitled to consideration as it was made in good faith and with sufficient backing to guarantee its fulfillment. The company is prepared to do business very quickly.

On motion of Alderman Gallagher the petition was laid on the table and Messrs. Gallagher and Fairweather appointed a special committee to look into the matter and report.

An order establishing the pay of supervisors of elections was adopted.

A motion to ballot for a member of the water board was defeated.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The common council met shortly after 9 o'clock and no business was done until after the joint convention was held.

The order for a hearing in joint convention on petition of Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R., that Memorial building be placed in charge of the public library trustees was adopted.

The order calling for $1000 for the erection of a municipal tar macadam plant was referred to the committee on streets in concurrence.

Several minor matters were passed.

The resolution expressing disapproval of the bill before the legislature to give one-half of the money realized from liquor license fees to the state was passed.

Four ballots were taken for superintendent of lands and buildings without any choice.

On the first ballot Alphonse Bibeault had seven, Walter W. Smith got 6, James B. Conlon received 5, George Roche got 3, John Kilpatrick received 2, and Messrs. Racicot, Foye, Walsh and Varnum got a vote apiece.

On the second ballot Bibeault received 13 votes, Conlon 6, Smith 4, Roche 3, and Walsh 1.

The third ballot had the following result: Smith 9, Conlon 5, Bibeault 4, Roche 3, Racicot 2, O'Connor 2, Kilpatrick 1 and Walsh 1.

On the final ballot Kilpatrick and Conlon were the high men with 9 votes each, while the trailers were Bibeault with 4 votes, Roche with 2, Smith with 2 and O'Connor with 1.

Adjournment was taken at 10.02.

REPORT DISCREDITED

RELATIVE TO FRENCH OCCUPATION OF SHAN HAI KWAN.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The foreign office discredits the reports from Tien Tsin, yesterday, of the French occupation of Shan Hai Kwan, (on the gulf of Liaotung). The officials here say the negotiations on this subject occurred six months ago, without definite results, and the officials believe that the reported arrival of French troops there arose from the shifting of the small garrison detachments. The officials add there certainly can be no significance in the French occupying the forts vacated by the Russians.

ATE RAT POISON

A PRISONER TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—After receiving sentence of 2½ years in the United States circuit court yesterday, for robbing the mails, Ernest Bromberger, a former letter carrier, in the presence of two deputies, and while his wife was standing beside him, swallowed a quantity of rat poison. He was taken to a hospital. Bromberger was convicted a year ago and he was sentenced today, after hearing that his appeal had been decided adversely.

BOWLING NEWS.

A candle pin tournament was held last night at the Vesper club at their headquarters in Pawtucket street and some good scores were made. There were 16 players in the contest and two strings were bowled by each player. Lambert made the highest total, which was 172, while the best single string was made by Kirschner, that player putting up a score of 92 on his first string. One of the surprises of the evening was the low score put up by Fred Grover. The score:

	1	2	Total
Penbrdy	77	72	150
Grover	78	72	150
Young	83	85	168
Drake	92	77	169
Kirschner	75	93	168
Lambert	93	80	173
Wight	86	76	162
Whittier	74	81	155
Patten	82	78	160
Nourse	83	74	157
Swapp	80	76	156
Wilder	70	78	148
Marten	75	76	151
Fletcher	83	75	158
Bramhall	78	80	158
Stevens	76	77	153
Goulding	78	84	162
Cunningham	77	75	152

Fourteen members of the Highland club competed in a tournament with the candle pins last night and three strings were rolled. All of the strings were high three of the players having single strings of over a hundred, Grunewald having the highest, that player making 103 on his second string. Runels was high man with a three string total of 277. The score:

	1	2	3	Total
Sturtevant	76	84	71	231
Lezelle	79	84	73	246
Osterhout	69	83	83	221
Runels	85	87	101	277
Webster	76	77	84	238
Grunewald	83	103	72	258
Stevens	90	87	65	190
Sherburne	75	73	84	232
R. Libby	88	81	100	269
Green	71	81	88	240
E. Libby	68	92	80	240
McKenzie	78	71	78	227
Lee	72	78	71	221
Wing	77	80	74	231

The Columbias and the Bigelows of the Recreation league rolled a game on Les Miserables alleys last night and the Columbias won by a margin of 18 pins. The Columbias won the first string by 23 pins, but the Bigelows got a spurt on in the second string and finished eight to the good, but lost the third string by three pins. McGreeny of the defeated team made both the best single and three string total. The score:

Columbias—McAdams 249, Mosher 238, Cox 221, Campbell 249, Howarth 249; total, 1206.

Bigelows—Singleton 226, McGreeny 264, McKinley 242, Eastman 228, Usher 228; total, 1188.

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ASSAULT CHARGE

MADE AGAINST TWO SOMERVILLE MEN.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—John E. Kauler and George A. Fitch, the former a well-known East Somerville undertaker, were arrested in Somerville yesterday afternoon by Lieut. Carter and Inspector Dumery on warrants charging them with assault upon an Italian, C. A. Tony Barr, with a shotgun, and malicious injury to arc electric lamps in Lexington on Jan. 28.

The two men are much concerned over the predicament in which they have found themselves, resulting, as they claim, from a lark in which they engaged. They deny any intention of shooting the man, and were unaware that any shot from their weapons had struck him until he made oath to the complaint.

On the day in question the Somerville men were in Lexington, accompanied by a dog and carrying shotguns. They were out for game, but met with no success in their quest. They were attracted on their way home by the appearance of one of the arc lamps, which was covered with snow. They engaged in friendly rivalry, it is said, to see which one would shoot off the snow first. In the contest the lamp was demolished. It is stated, and the Italian claims that shot from one of the guns went through one of his coat sleeves.

The selectmen heard of the incident before the two men left town, and compelled them to visit the town hall, where their names and addresses were taken, and they were then allowed to go. The Italian later showed up, and as a result of his story the selectmen procured from the justice at Concord warrants, which were delivered to the Somerville police yesterday.

Mr. Kauler and Mr. Fitch were admitted to bail at the Somerville police station last evening, each in the sum of $500.

WATER IS HIGH

THE WORST FLOOD SINCE THE YEAR 1875.

YORK, Pa., Feb. 10.—The highest water since 1875 prevails in the Susquehanna river today. At York Haven the county bridge to Wislers Island has been destroyed. The equipment of Kerbaugh & Co., Pennsylvania railroad contractors at New Holland, has been carried away. The flood is due to a series of ice gorges which have caused back water. Below Wrightsville, the ice remains intact. Above that place the ice has been moving intermittently all night.

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	Assets	Liabilities
Aetna	$14,949,521	$4,926,918
Hartford	13,419,588	9,012,407
Continental	12,957,541	6,238,879
New York Underwriters	13,419,588	9,012,407
Liverpool & London and Globe	11,232,031	6,419,828
Insurance Co. of No. America	10,702,584	5,713,995
Royal	7,797,760	5,351,263
Philadelphia Underwriters	10,702,584	5,713,995
German American	10,319,177	4,623,296
Phoenix	6,497,612	3,159,698
Fire Association	6,150,843	4,976,894
National	6,295,894	3,654,591
North British and Mercantile	5,758,296	3,486,053

	Assets	Liabilities
Queen	$5,744,341	$2,708,787
Fireman's Fund	5,202,588	2,401,866
Connecticut	4,734,792	2,532,156
New Hampshire	3,779,569	1,624,759
Niagara	3,697,736	2,090,667
Northern	3,423,231	2,001,229
Sun	2,902,199	1,944,488
London & Lancashire	2,746,215	1,867,892
Traders	2,673,612	1,098,675
American of Pa.	2,534,985	1,855,163
Orient	2,109,516	965,421
Manchester	1,839,534	1,847,162
Palatine	1,790,150	1,033,922
Caledonian	1,700,189	1,002,797

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THE SUN EXTRA

6 O'CLOCK

MACHEN DENIES

That He Received Money From Lorenz

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—August W. Machen continued his testimony in the postal trial today.

Mr. Machen said he told the inventor of the Miller fastener that his device seemed to be an infringement of the Groff fastener, that he did not care to buy a lawsuit and beside it did not have the merits of the latter.

Reverting to the question of the initialing of letters, Machen said Mr. Wynne, the first assistant postmaster-general, knew that Miss Liebhardt was doing it; so did First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson, Mr. Masten, his chief clerk, also Mr. Howley, Mr. Wynne's clerk. Mr. Machen further said Mr. Wynne knew of it before entering the office.

After Mr. Heath retired from office in 1900, Mr. Machen said Postmaster General Smith took direct supervision over the rural free delivery division and made it a practice to send members of congress and senators to confer with him (Machen). Out of this Machen said grew the practice of writing letters to congressmen signed in his name.

Mr. Wynne, he said, upon taking charge, had directed that this should stop. Answering a question by Mr. Douglass, Mr. Machen said his relations with Wynne became very strained in February, 1903. "At that time," he said, "Wynne was making an effort to increase his own salary to $6,000 and Wynne requested me to use my influence with certain members of congress to that end, which I refused to do."

After that time he said he and Wynne were not on speaking terms. He denied receiving any money from Lorenz for the purpose of influencing his action. He further asserted that he never saw the Groffs together in his life before the indictment.

Mr. Conrad cross-examined Mr. Machen, commencing a searching inquiry into the oil transactions already referred.

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRADE APPROVED COMMITTEES.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the board of trade held yesterday afternoon the following committees for the present year were approved:

Manufacturing and mercantile affairs, J. L. Challoux, A. M. Chadwick, S. H. Thompson, A. C. Thomas, A. F. Swanton.

Legislation, Charles E. Adams, W. S. Watson, A. M. Chadwick, C. L. McCleery, A. G. Walsh.

New enterprises, C. H. Conant, B. Hodgman, G. L. Huntoon, J. H. Shepard, C. L. McCleery, George E. Stanley.

Good roads, J. T. Smith, W. H. Ward, D. L. Page, E. D. Shadduck.

City parks, H. B. Greene, W. F. Hills, H. R. Rice, M. D. Clay, A. F. French.

Grade crossings, J. H. Shepard, J. T. Smith, D. L. Page, W. H. Ward, George E. Stanley.

Municipal affairs, G. L. Huntoon, J. L. Challoux, S. H. Thompson, A. G. Walsh, A. F. French.

Transportation, W. S. Watson, C. H. Coburn, Charles E. Adams, E. J. Neale, C. H. Hobson.

Insurance, C. H. Coburn, H. R. Rice, J. L. Robertson, A. F. Swanton, A. C. Thomas.

Finance, W. F. Hills, C. H. Hobson, J. L. Robertson.

Membership, E. J. Neale, E. D. Shadduck, M. D. Clay.

Printing, the president, secretary and treasurer.

BALTIMORE FIREMEN

HAD ANOTHER FIGHT WITH BLAZE LAST NIGHT.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—Baltimore firemen were called out again last night by a fire, not the result of the big conflagration, which broke out in the engine room of William D. Gill & Sons' extensive lumber yard, beyond Jones Falls. Three engine companies and the fire boat responded and in an hour had the fire under control, without extensive loss.

DEATHS

MARTIN—Mrs. Annie A. Martin, aged 50 years, died yesterday at her home, 475 School street. Mrs. Martin leaves a husband, Peter W., and four children, William, Nellie, Mary and Thomas, and two sisters, Mary of Boston and Catherine of Somerville.

The funeral will take place from her home, 475 School street, tomorrow afternoon, at two o'clock. Friends invited.

ROWLAND—Ann Rowland, aged 74 years, died last night at her home, 37 Third avenue, Pawtucketville. The deceased was the wife of the late William Rowland.

WOODWORTH—Josie F. Woodworth, aged 47 years and 11 months, died last night at her home, 578 Merrimack street. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss a husband, George W.

BERTHOLD—Hattie Berthold, aged 23 years, died last night at the Lowell hospital. The body was sent to Lewiston, Me., for interment this afternoon by Undertakers C. M. Young & Co.

TWO TEACHERS

PREVENTED PANIC AT FIRE IN SCHOOL HOUSE.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The presence of mind and coolness of two women teachers prevented possibly serious consequences today at a fire at a Jamaica Plain primary school when one hundred or more children were led out to safety unharmed. The fire which started in the basement was not discovered until it reached the first floor. The children at once became greatly frightened but they were restrained by the teachers and induced to walk quietly from the building. Several boys jumped from a second story window but they were not hurt. The building was only slightly damaged.

LEADER MURPHY

DOES NOT WANT DELEGATES INSTRUCTED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, said today that he was opposed to any plan to have the state democratic convention instruct the delegates to St. Louis for any particular presidential candidate. Mr. Murphy said:

"It is my idea that the New York delegation should go to the national convention uninstructed and in a position to do what is best for the interests of the party. Instructions would hamper us, and I won't stand for them. Nobody knows what the situation will be in St. Louis next July and it won't do to instruct delegates elected in April or May."

ROAD BUILDERS MEET.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 10—Improvement of highways by state and national aid formed the subject of discussion by delegates representing many states, who assembled here today for the opening session of the congress of road builders, held in connection with the annual meeting of the American road makers' association. The convention brings together men of national reputation in road building.

Most of the delegates arrived this morning and when the delegates assembled shortly after noon at the Capitol it was apparent that the estimate that nearly 1000 would be present was not exaggerated. The convention was called to order by Horatio S. Earle of Detroit, Mich., president of the American road makers' association. In the absence of Gov. Chamberlain, who is sick with the grip, Lieut. Gov. Roberts welcomed the delegates. He was followed by Mayor Sullivan, who extended the freedom of the city.

After the annual address by President Earle, U. S. Senator A. C. Latimer of South Carolina and Gov. N. J. Bachelder of New Hampshire spoke of the progress of the good roads movement in their states. They were followed by Hon. Martin Dodge of Washington, director of the office of public road inquiries, United States department of agriculture.

Other speakers were W. E. McClintock, chairman of the Massachusetts highway commission; James H. MacDonald, state highway commissioner of Connecticut; Joseph W. Hunter, state highway commissioner of Pennsylvania; R. A. Meeker, state supervisor of highways, New Jersey; George Pierce of Brattleboro, Vt.; H. U. Wallace, highway commissioner of Illinois, and Edward A. Bond, state engineer, New York.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Mark A. Sullivan, a Fall River merchant, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court today with liabilities aggregating $78,990, and assets placed at $54,700. The secured claims amount to $32,800 and the unsecured to $42,800. The latter are divided among 166 creditors and are for small amounts. Sullivan deals in general merchandise.

TO HELP REBUILD ST. PATRICK'S.

The production of "Friends" by the Dramatic club of the Catholic Young Men's Lyceum has been in active rehearsal for the past two months under the direction of John H. Quinn, who staged "Rosedale."

When the disastrous fire occurred which practically destroyed St. Patrick's, the members of the C. Y. M. L. realized that it was up to them to do something big to provide some of the funds for its rebuilding, and they at once put their efforts to the test to make "Friends" a bigger financial affair than was intended; the money to be realized to be turned into the parish treasury.

The members of the lyceum are enthusiastic in their efforts to realize $1000 from the affair. The members of the cast are working hard with their parts to ensure an enjoyable evening's entertainment. It now rests with the friends of St. Patrick's to respond to their efforts by making the production of "Friends" an event in St. Patrick's parish—as a financial, social and artistic success.

Here's the cast:

MARGUERITE OTTO of the Metropolitan Opera house....Miss Ethel Ranger

HANS OTTO, her father, Mr. James B. Coughlin

HAROLD HUNTING, director of the Metropolitan Opera house, Mr. Daniel S. O'Brien

JOHN PADEN, Sr., a business man, Mr. John J. McNabb

JOHN PADEN, Jr., a modern poet, Mr. John J. Hanlon

ADRIAN KARJE, a pianist, Mr. John J. Sullivan

JENNIE MERRYWEATHER, Miss Lillian O'Brien

MISS WOLFE of the Metropolitan Opera house....Miss Madeline Crevier

MISS HARTMAN of the Metropolitan Opera house....Miss Elizabeth Connell

HENRY, a servant, Mr. Frank Higgins

Synopsis—Act. 1, Mrs. Merryweather's lodgings; act. 2, drawing room at Marguerite Otto's; act 3, Harold Hunting's apartments; act 4, green room, leading to Marguerite's dressing room at the Metropolitan Opera house.

Time, the present; place, New York.

FOR LAWTON POST

Decisive Vote Taken by Veterans

BOSTON, Feb. 10. "On the fighting line" was where the G. A. R. veterans of the department of Massachusetts found themselves in their 38th encampment, which was opened in Faneuil hall yesterday forenoon. The line of demarcation was rigidly drawn, and the "foe" was the old Gen. Lawton post, Civil war veterans of Lawrence, which for the eighth time came before the encampment on the question of granting it a charter. As the comrades gathered circulars were placed in their hands appealing for admission of the Lawrence post.

There was also a hot skirmish over the election of officers, the contest being on the question of having the adjutant-general cast a single vote for commander and for senior vice-commander, instead of election by ballot. This latter contest was begun by Comrade Scott of post 64, Clinton, who nominated Senior Vice Commander Lucius Field of that post for department commander, and that the adjutant-general cast a single ballot for him, but, there being a single objection, the encampment was obliged to proceed to a ballot. In two minutes after the balloting started a motion to close the balloting was carried, and Comrade Field was declared elected commander, by 43 votes out of a total of 44, one ballot being cast for Comrade J. Payson Bradley.

A similar attempt was made for the election of Junior Vice Commander James H. Wolff to be senior vice commander, and again there was a single objection to the adjutant-general's casting a single ballot for him. These objections were made by Comrade Warren of post 33, Woburn. Comrade Wolff was elected senior vice commander, however, by 146 out of 151, five ballots being cast for Comrade Bradley.

WANTS A BATTLE

JEFFRIES AFTER SHARKEY OR MUNROE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—Billy Delaney, manager of champion Jeffries, has arrived in town to look after the details for a possible match between Jeffries and the winner of the Sharkey-Munroe bout. Immediately upon his arrival in the east Delaney called on Jeffries, and the pair talked over the matter carefully.

It was the first time that Delaney and his protege had a conference since the Jeffries-Corbett fight. Delaney has been on the Pacific coast ever since the battle, but when he heard that there was a match with one of the big heavyweights he at once decided to come to the scene of action.

"Before I left the coast," said Delaney, "I was informed of the Sharkey-Munroe match. It looks now as though it will take place, and if it does, it will show just what kind of a fellow Munroe is."

The arrival of Delaney seemed to inspire Jeffries with a desire for training. For the first time in several weeks the champion plunged into work today. After sparring three fast rounds with big Joe Kennedy at Miners Eighth avenue theatre, where he is appearing daily, Jeffries called for his skipping rope. For more than 20 minutes he continued to jump around and side step until he was rolling in perspiration. A 10-minute light dumbbell act followed, and then the champion received a stiff rub down.

During his long rest Jeffries has taken on considerable weight. At present he weighs about 235 pounds. He is anxious to take some of this weight off and will hereafter take light exercise.

SULTAN'S ENVOY ARRIVES.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—J. W. S. Langerman, formerly United States vice consul at Tangier, but now special envoy of the sultan of Morocco, arrived here today on the steamship Republic of the White Star line from the Mediterranean. Mr. Langerman's work is to assume charge of the exhibit of Morocco at the St. Louis exposition. He is accompanied by one native, Hassan Abdelhalar, who will act as an attendant at the Morocco exhibit, which will consist of six horses and a large number of curios. Mr. Langerman said that 150 Moors would arrive later.

ODD FELLOWS' CONVENTION.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Two hundred delegates representing the various encampments of the state were present here today at the annual encampment of Massachusetts of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The convention was called to order by Grand Patriarch Frank L. Calderwood of Lawrence, who in his annual statement showed that the encampment was in a healthy condition. The business considered during the first part of the day was purely routine.

UNION DISBANDED.

HOLYOKE, Mass., Feb. 10.—The household workers' union which was organized in this city last spring by domestics has been disbanded, the experiment having failed. The formation of the union in the interest of shorter hours and better wages attracted wide attention in the larger cities. Few householders looked with favor on the project and when many of them refused to conduct their domestic affairs under union rules, a large number of the members withdrew from the organization.

SENATOR HANNA

HELD HIS OWN AND CONDITION IS GOOD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—Senator Hanna's physicians at noon today issued the following bulletin:

"At 12 o'clock Senator Hanna was resting quietly. Temperature 100 8-10; pulse 97; respiration 28. He was a little more restless during the night but slept quietly at intervals. There are no complications and his general condition continues good.

(Signed) DRS. RIXEY, CARTER."

Dr. Osler of Baltimore, will not be here until 2 o'clock, when the regular daily examination will be held.

BIDS CALLED FOR

For Drugs and Water Works Supplies

Purchasing Agent Donnelly has called for bids on a large amount of drugs, medicines, etc., for the city dispensary and for 6 tons of soft west pig lead and 200 lbs. of solder for the water works. The bids on the former contract close tomorrow afternoon and those on the latter will close on Saturday.

The contract for meat for the city farm was recently awarded to J. H. Fahey.

SHOT HIMSELF

MAN BROODED BECAUSE HE WAS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 10. Brooding because he was out of employment, Thomas Ludowski tried to kill himself yesterday in the presence of three persons in the bank building at Warren. For the past nine months until last week Ludowski had been employed in the Annawomscutt mills at Drownville.

He conversed pleasantly with the three persons a few moments, and then rising suddenly, said:

"Did you ever see a person commit suicide?" Someone said "No."

"Then," said Ludowski, "I'll show you how it's done."

Before anyone could prevent him, or before they had realized what he was going to do, he whipped a revolver from his hip pocket and fired three times. One bullet entered his lung, the other his left shoulder, while the third went wild. He fell to the floor, but in an instant regained his feet. His wounds may prove fatal.

SAILORS GUILTY

CHARGED WITH INDUCING OTHERS TO DESERT.

BOSTON, Feb. 10—Peter Rasmissen and William W. Bartlett, union sailors, of 33 North Bennett street, who were arrested Saturday on a charge of going aboard the six-masted schooner Addie M. Palmer and getting two of the non-union members of the crew to go ashore with them, were given a trial in the first session of the municipal court yesterday afternoon by Judge Holster.

They were charged with intimidation and inducing sailors to desert, and both government and defendants were represented by counsel. Judge Holster found the defendants guilty and, besides fining them $50 each, sentenced them to imprisonment for a month in the house of correction. They appealed to the superior court.

FEDERAL TROOPS

BALTIMORE WILL ASK FOR SOME.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10.—Baltimore will accept outside aid and will ask for federal troops to police the burned district. At a meeting today a joint committee of the legislature called to confer with the mayor, board of public works and leading citizens, it was unanimously voted to report a bill to ask the United States government to send soldiers to Baltimore to police the first district. The committee will also report in favor of an immediate relief appropriation by the legislature. Mayor McLane announced that he will appoint an emergency committee of representative citizens to act as an advisory board to the municipal authorities.

The conference was an extended one and was participated in not only by various state and city officials but by a number of the leading business men of Baltimore. A full and thorough discussion of the situation developed, a general belief that it would be the part of wisdom to take advantage of the generous offers of assistance that have been so freely made. The citizen soldiers now on police duty are needed in business and it was thought best to ask for the regulars in order to permit the guardsmen to devote themselves to their usual vocations.

At this meeting the mayor announced that he had asked the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Western Maryland railroads to permit their contracting engineers to assume control of clearing the burned district and that the request had been granted.

Tonight Mayor McLane will make public a formal statement as to existing conditions and the needs of the city and expressing the desire of the city authorities to receive contributions for a relief fund.

In an interview with an Associated Press reporter, Hammond J. Dugan, president of the real estate exchange, said that the clearing away of the debris in the burned area will be commenced at once, in four months' time temporary structures can be erected all over the ground swept by the fire and business will assume normal proportions. The real estate exchange has telegraphed a request to the legislature to speedily pass the bill already introduced repealing the mortgage tax of eight per cent. on income. This will have the effect of bringing capital here for investment in real estate and thus facilitate the rehabilitation of the city.

NO HELP NEEDED.

BOSTON, Feb. 10—Mayor Collins today received the following telegram from Mayor McLane of Baltimore in response to the one sent by Mayor Collins Monday:

"Many thanks for kind words of sympathy. Assistance not needed at present. Call will be issued if necessary."

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

JOHN DEMARAIS

SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR FIFTEEN DAYS.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 10.—John Demarais, the leader of the Greek colony in Nashua, was sentenced to fifteen days in jail at the session of the United States court this morning. The offense with which he was charged and to which he pleaded nolo, was the violation of the immigration laws by smuggling into this country a Greek who was suffering from a contagious eye disease.

FUNERALS

McLAUGHLIN—The funeral of Ethel May McLaughlin took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 54 Quebec street. There were a number of pretty floral pieces. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker J. F. Rogers.

WOODS—The funeral of Annie Woods took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her sister, Mrs. James Glynn, 9 Bassett street. The remains were taken to St. Peter's church, where the services were held, Rev. Fr. Mullin officiating. The bearers were John Lee, Owen Tighe, Maurice O'Connor, Arthur Libsey, Lote Healey, Tim Vaughan. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery, John J. O'Connell & Co. having charge of the funeral arrangements.

MURPHY—The funeral of the late James Murphy took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. Dominick Roche, and was largely attended. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Tighe, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mr. P. P. Haggerty sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

The bearers were Messrs. John S. Hartley, Michael McKeon, Thomas Gedden, James Walwood, John Oldfield and Michael Finnegan. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Tighe, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

APPOINTED COLLECTOR.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—The president today sent to the senate the following nomination: Collector of customs, Herbert Morissey, district of Plymouth, Mass.

CONFERRED WITH BANKERS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, was in conference with a number of bankers at the sub-treasury today regarding the government's payment of Panama canal moneys. Definite arrangements have been completed, the secretary said, to the end that there may be no disturbance of local financial conditions.

AFTER CITY AID

Many Applicants at Sec. Courtney's Office

Yesterday was a busy one at the office of Secretary Courtney, for nearly 30 applications for aid were received, many of the applicants being new ones. This number, however, is not a record-breaker, for more than 30 have reported in one day.

200 reserved seats in the gallery at 25 cents—"Friends," Opera House, Thursday night.

GOODWIN PARDON

THE MOVEMENT HAS RECEIVED A SETBACK.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The attempt to bring about the pardon of Henry K. Goodwin, who is serving a life sentence for killing Albert D. Swan of Lawrence, by appealing to the state legislature received a setback today when the committee on judiciary presented an adverse report to the house on a bill, the passage of which would mean Goodwin's liberation. The measure called for the pardon of all veterans of the civil war who have been in prison 15 years. Goodwin is a veteran. Recently the executive council refused to pardon him.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

GENERAL MILES THE GUEST.

WORCESTER, Feb. 10.—General Nelson A. Miles is to visit Worcester April 19 as the guest of the Worcester Continentals in their celebration of Patriots day. An invitation to him was sent some time ago, and Lieut. Col. Rufus B. Dodge has received a letter from General Miles, accepting.

The Continentals have held off making the arrangements for their celebration, pending a reply from Gen. Miles, but the command voted last night to have a banquet in keeping with the dignity of its guest. The custom of former years will probably be followed, and the Continentals will ask the Putnam phalanx of Hartford and the Amoskeag veterans of Manchester, N. H., to help celebrate the day.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

STOCK BROKER BANKRUPT.

BOSTON, Feb. 10—he former stock exchange of Dennett Bros. & Co., bankers and brokers, has been adjudged a bankrupt by the United States circuit court. The liabilities of the concern are about $125,000 with little assets. The creditors investigating committee recommended the election by the creditors of Samuel D. Elmore as trustee.

ON SHORT TIME.

HOPEDALE, Mass., Feb. 10.—Owing to a falling off in the demand for cotton mill machinery many departments of the Draper company's works will run but 45 hours weekly. About half of the plant is affected.

The social event of the season—"Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

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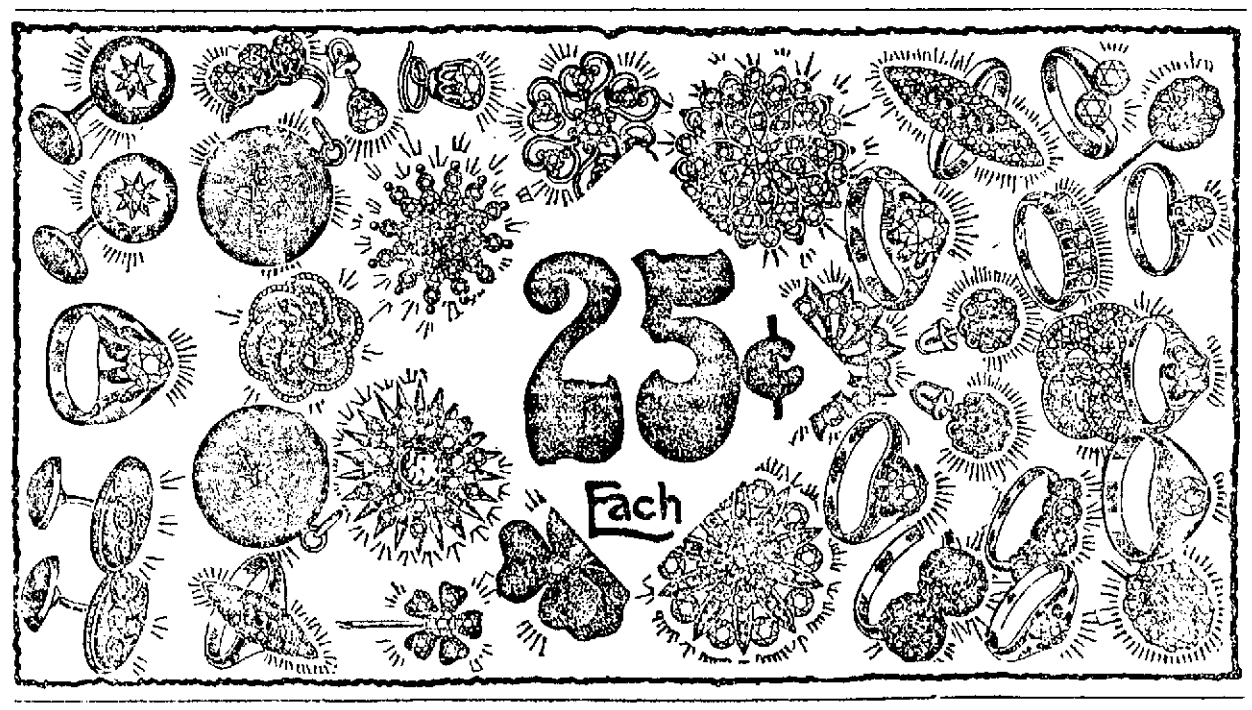
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NIGHT EDITION

6 O'CLOCK

HE'S A PAINTER

Racicot Will Prove It to Common Council

A few days ago a number of councilmen at city hall were discussing the relative merits of Alphonse Bibeault and Arthur C. Racicot as candidates for superintendent of lands and buildings. Mr. Bibeault is a builder and Mr. Racicot an artist.

Councilman J. J. Hayes, in the course of the discussion remarked: "I think that this year of all years we need a painter as superintendent of buildings, for the department has called for money to paint city hall outside and inside and with a painter at the head we will have the job done properly."

Mr. Racicot, it appears, was nearby and overheard the conversation, but said nothing.

Then some one suggested that he couldn't paint, whereupon Councilman Hayes remarked: "Is that so; I wish he was here and I'd get him to prove that he is a good painter."

Mr. Racicot then made his presence known and Councilman Hayes told him that as his ability as a painter was doubted it might be well for him to bring some of his work around and show it and accordingly Mr. Racicot has agreed to bring some of his paintings around to city hall Thursday to show to the members who may be present.

After the paintings have been displayed Councilman Hayes is going to insist upon other candidates bringing around a couple of buildings so that the members may judge of their ability in that line.

PAPERS SAFE

THOSE IN BIG VAULTS NOT DAMAGED BY FIRE.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10.—This was another day of ceaseless labor on the part of the officials and business men of crippled Baltimore. System has been brought out of chaos and intelligently directed effort is rapidly bringing conditions to a temporary working basis. The city's great loss has been sized up and with cheerful pluck the labor of rehabilitation has begun. Architects are being consulted, labor arranged for and already orders for structural material are going forward.

While it is colder than could be desired for comfort, the sun shines brightly and there is little wind. A heavy snow fall is predicted for tonight however and should this prediction be fulfilled it will hamper work in the devastated district. A blanket of wet snow would bring down many weak walls and retard the enormous traffic that is congested in the streets adjacent to the fire scene.

Financial institutions are today engaged in carting their securities and funds to temporary offices outside the confines of the burned district. By eight o'clock express wagons and other available conveyances were backed up to banks and trust company buildings preparatory to removing all books, papers, funds, etc. The vault of the First National bank was opened today by a safe expert and all of the securities and moneys of the bank were found as safe as on the day they were placed in the vault. Express wagons in waiting carried the valuables to the American National bank building on Gay street where temporary offices will be opened.

"Great care is necessary," said one of the safe experts, "in opening the doors of the big vaults. The extreme heat naturally generates gases, and unless we are extremely careful an explosion would be likely to occur when these gases come in contact with the fresh air. It is the usual custom with experts in our profession never to open a vault which has been in a big fire until 45 hours after the flames have been extinguished.

"We have opened many vaults in the financial district and not in a single instance have the papers been damaged in the least."

Building Inspector Preston was an extremely busy man today due to the clamor for permits by large business and financial houses to rebuild. To the Associated Press Mr. Preston said:

"While I would like to help these enterprising people, I am compelled to withhold all permits for building purposes within the fire lines for several days. The burned territory is too dangerous for any large force to work in just now."

Mr. Preston is now engaged in clearing all the streets that run through the fire district. All loose walls that can be safely razed with ropes are being taken down by the laborers from the street cleaning department. Walls that resist the workmen will be blown down with explosives. A number of engineers are designating the dangerous walls.

It has been suggested to the city officials that in engaging men to help clear up the fire district the preference be given to men who were thrown out of work as a result of the fire. There are many thousands of these and this plan will probably be carried out as far as possible.

HE SET FIRES

HEITCHMANN GOT SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON.

TAUNTON, Feb. 10.—In the superior court yesterday Philip Heitchmann, who pleaded guilty early in the week to charges of setting fire to buildings owned by J. M. Solomon and James M. Fisher at Attleboro, was sentenced by Judge White to the state prison for not more than 10 or less than seven years.

Robert Simpson, who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering at Fall River, was sent to the same institution for not less than five or more than four years.

The jury was still out on the liquor case against Clifton Leonard of Norton when court adjourned.

JOHN W. McEVOY
Counsellor-at-law
And Public Administrator,
Central Street. Telephone 69-4

LICENSE MONEY

Should Go to State Says Johnson

BOSTON, Feb. 10—The recommendation of Gov. Bates that fifty per cent. of the liquor license fees be turned into the state for additional revenue, was strongly supported by the temperance advocates before the legislative committee on liquor law today, on the plan of having all the fees turned into the state and thus assist no-license communities in the suppression of crime which they claim originates mainly from liquor selling.

Mr. B. B. Johnson of Waltham, legislative counsel of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence League, was the principal speaker, while in the room were the mayors of all the liquor selling cities in the commonwealth, who, it is expected, will be heard later in opposition to the plan.

Mr. Johnson presented a set of statistics for the purpose of showing that the no-license communities obtain no revenue whatever directly from the sale of liquor in other parts of the state, except what they obtain indirectly through the 25 per cent. of the liquor fees which are now turned into the state treasury. Mr. Johnson also attempted to show that all liquor selling communities received a great profit over and above the regular state and county tax from the fees, in which non-liquor selling towns do not participate. It is estimated that the passage of the measure together with the two other recommendations of the governor for an inheritance tax and a participation of the state in the corporation tax will add 25 per cent. to the present revenues of the state.

LOWELL MEN PRESENT.

Mayor Howe, City Solicitor Hogan, Chairman Miskella of the board of aldermen, represented city hall at the hearing on the bill to pay one-half of the license money to the state instead of one-quarter as at present. Before leaving all three signified their intention of speaking in opposition to the bill.

Mayor Howe stated that he would also personally ask each member of the senate and legislature from Lowell to use his influence to defeat the bill.

Rep. Adams of this city is a member of the committee on liquor laws before whom the hearing was held.

200 reserved seats in the gallery at 25 cents—"Friends," Opera House, Thursday night.

TO END DISPUTE

PLAN AGREED ON BY LUMBER AND OIL COMPANIES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—As a plan of settlement of the disagreement between the Houston Oil Co. and the Kirby Lumber Co., which resulted in receiverships a few days ago for both companies, the Kirby Lumber Co. has, according to the Herald, offered to buy all the timber lands of the Houston Oil Co.

The Kirby Lumber Co. offers to assume the $7,000,000 timber certificates outstanding and to pay to the Houston Oil Co. in addition $8,000,000 in cash and secured notes, making a total payment of $15,000,000 for the property.

The proposition has been submitted to the executive committee of the oil company and if accepted it is thought likely that the temporary receiver will not be made permanent on Feb. 7 when the case is to be argued.

Tickets for "Friends," 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00—On sale at the Opera House.

WANT RECEIVER

DIRECTORS OF EQUITABLE NATIONAL BANK FILE PETITION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—By unanimous vote, the directors of the Equitable National bank have decided to ask the comptroller of the currency for the appointment of a receiver. The depositors, according to the officials of the institution will not lose a cent but the stockholders may lose more than 30 cents on the dollar on an aggregate amount of between $30,000 and $40,000.

The bank, situated in the dry goods district at Broadway and Eleventh street, was organized only two years ago. Many changes have occurred in its official roster and a few months ago C. R. Schultz was chosen president. He is the youngest head of a national bank in the country.

"The earning capacity will not meet the running expenses of the bank in its present condition and will not warrant further continuance," said one of the directors. "We have taken this action to avoid further loss. The depositors will be paid in full."

The bank is capitalized at $200,000, with claimed assets of $175,000 in excess of deposits.

The social event of the season—"Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

L. A. W. MEETING.

BOSTON, Feb. 10—The future policy of the organization was the chief question to be decided by the delegates to the annual meeting of the League of American Wheelmen which was held in this city today. Not more than 30 representatives of the various state departments of the organization were in attendance at the meeting, which was held at the office of Secretary Abbott Bassett at the South end. One of the propositions to be discussed was that of nationalizing the league by doing away with the state divisions and having all the business transacted by the national officers.

CLEVELAND SIGNS SCHWARTZ.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 10—Manager Armour of the Cleveland ball team has signed William Schwartz, a local player, for the Cleveland infield. Schwartz is only 20 years old, but has a fine record. He played last season with the East Akron, Ohio, team. Pittsburg was after him.

W. C. T. U.

The business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the rooms, 145 Merrimack street, Thursday, Feb. 11, at 3 p. m.

HEARING TONIGHT

Citizens Will Talk on Appropriations

The hearing before the appropriations committee, when the citizens at large will be given an opportunity to express their views on the matter of granting appropriations to the different heads of departments, will take place in the public hearing room at City hall tonight and promises to be an interesting meeting though there is some doubt as to the good that will be accomplished owing to the diversity of opinions.

Jerome F. Manning has promised to be present and in all probability he will devote a portion of his time to the councilman who recently expressed the wish that Mr. Manning might be barred from the hearing. Mr. Manning has since asked the clerk of the committee for the name of the common councilman who made the remark, but as it was made during Mr. Dowling's absence from the room that official could not give him the information he desired. Mr. Manning stated that if such a remark were made during a meeting it would appear on the records which he contended should be a truthful and complete account of all the transactions.

PRINCE OF TECK

MARRIED TO PRINCESS ALICE OF ALBANY.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Prince Alexander of Teck and Princess Alice of Albany were married this afternoon at St. Georges chapel, Windsor castle, where Queen Victoria was married on the same date in 1840. The Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by other clergy officiated, and King Edward himself gave away the bride. The whole ceremony was very elaborate and brilliant. There were no less than four distinct processions to the chapel, namely the queen of Wurtembergs, that of Queen Emma of The Netherlands, the procession of King Edward and Queen Alexandra and that of the bride.

WATERS RECEDING

BUT THAW MAY CAUSE GREATER FLOOD.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 10.—The situation in the flooded district is somewhat relieved this morning, the water of the Susquehanna river having receded 14 inches. A thaw is predicted for tonight and this is expected to cause a still greater flood.

In the flooded districts there was much suffering during the night, many of the people have determined to stay in the upper floors of their houses in the hope that the waters would recede. This morning many of these were taken out, a path for the boats having to be chopped through the ice.

TRAINING SQUADRON

TO PROTECT AMERICAN SHIPPING INTERESTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—Specific instructions have been cabled Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron in Dominican waters regarding the protection of American shipping interests there. The firing on the Clyde line steamer New York by a government gunboat as reported in cable despatches published this morning, has aroused indignation in official circles here, and it was said at the navy department that the probable course of action after such an outrage would be the seizure of the government gunboat by Rear Admiral Wise, in which event it probably would be carried to Guantanamo.

FOREIGN FAILURES

AMERICAN BULL COTTON INTERESTS ARE BLAMED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Very unsettling rumors were in circulation today concerning the failures in Berlin and Bremen with American bull cotton interests and the local cotton market ruled very nervous and feverish, opening at a decline of 23 to 29 points on the old positions, while the new crop months were practically neglected and only 1 to 5 points lower. A slight rally brought in fresh selling and soon afterwards the market sagged off.

MARLBORO'S GAIN.

MARLBORO, Mass., Feb. 10.—The shoe manufacturing industry here will benefit by the Baltimore fire, in which a warehouse containing about $100,000 of goods made by a large Marlboro firm were destroyed. The big stock, which was insured, will be duplicated here and the work will keep hundreds of hands busy several weeks.

"Friends"—Opera House Thursday night.

WOLFBORO LOAN COMPANY.

WOLFBORO, N. H., Feb. 10.—As the Wolfboro Loan and Banking company is the only financial institution in town, business men are urging the directors not to cease permanently. The directors have arranged to meet Attorney General Eastman today to consider the bank's future.

An examination of the books continues but as yet it is not known that the alleged shortage of Cashier Chas. F. Piper will exceed $25,000. The accounts are badly mixed up and it will be nearly a week before they are thoroughly straightened. The savings department is still closed to business. Attachments are being made daily by the bank on parcels of property owned by Cashier Piper.

NANTUCKET SURROUNDED.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Feb. 10.—The island of Nantucket is again surrounded by ice and communication with the mainland by water was out of the question today. The steamer Nantucket battled two hours with the ice floes in an attempt to reach the open sea but was unsuccessful.

NO DUTY ON PULP WOOD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The attitude of the board of United States general appraisers toward pulp wood imported from the province of New Brunswick, Canada, has been clearly defined by Judge Somerville, who has just handed down a decision that no countervailing duty should be levied on pulp wood coming from that province. The controversy over this duty has attracted much attention among manufacturers.

MINING ENGINEERS' MEETING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—The annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, which was to have been held at Baltimore Feb. 16-20, will be held at the same date in Atlantic City, N. J., the change having become necessary because of the Baltimore fire.

MAYOR McLANE

Thanks Mayor Howe for City's Sympathy

Mayor Howe this morning received the following reply from Mayor McLane of Baltimore to his telegram extending the sympathy of the citizens of Lowell to the Baltimore fire sufferers:

Feb. 10, 1904.

Hon. Charles E. Howe, Mayor

Many thanks for kind words of sympathy. Assistance not needed at present. Call will be issued if necessary.

ROBERT McLANE,
Mayor of Baltimore.

Help to rebuild St. Patrick's—See "Friends" at the Opera House Thursday night.

FOR BROKEN TOOTH

WOMAN GETS A VERDICT OF $1000.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—A verdict of $1000 was returned by a jury yesterday in the second session of the superior court, before Chief Justice Mason, in the suit brought by Mrs. Isabella Tesia against the New York Painless Dental company. The plaintiff sued for damages for personal injuries resulting from the alleged carelessness of a servant of the defendant in extracting a tooth. She alleged the tooth was broken and a part of it was left, with the result that inflammation set in. The defendant denied that proper care and skill was not used.

In the same session, a jury returned a verdict of $300 for the plaintiff in the case of Mary E. Wyman vs. Wesley R. Perry, which was an action to recover damages for alleged slander. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant accused her of larceny in a public place. The defendant was defaulted.

A verdict of $1500 for the plaintiff was returned by a jury in the fifth session, before Judge Stevens, in the suit brought by Ida I. Brough against the A. Towle company. Plaintiff sued for injuries received by being run down by a horse and wagon in City square, Charlestown, Oct. 14, 1901.

Judge Stevens ordered a verdict for the defendant in the case of Margaret J. Donnelly vs. Frank Rozzells, which was an action to recover $5000 damages for injuries received by plaintiff as a result of falling into the cellar of the premises, 53 Endicott street, because of an alleged insecure bulkhead, Aug. 9, 1895.

In the suit brought by Sarah F. McCabe of Attleboro against the Boston Elevated Railway company, a disagreement was reported by a jury in the sixth session before Judge Wait. On Aug. 29, 1900, plaintiff was injured by reason of the alleged sudden starting of a car in Washington street, corner of Cedar. She lived in Roxbury at the time.

Judge Wait ordered a verdict for the defendant in the case of Hannah Holden, administratrix of the estate of J. J. Holden, vs. the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, which was an action on a policy issued on the life of plaintiff's intestate.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG

GETS A SENTENCE OF FOUR YEARS.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Four to five years in the House of Correction was the sentence awarded to George Armstrong by Judge Aiken yesterday for robbery. Records from Rhode Island were handed to the court showing that he had been sent to prison in that state on two occasions. The prisoner pleaded hard to be sent to the Reformatory.

Adam Kurtland, who had been convicted of stealing from his fellow lodgers, and this in several lodging houses, there being no less than nine charges against him, was given two years in the House of Correction.

John T. Blake seemed to have a chance of getting off on probation on his appeal from a sentence for drunkenness, but his hopes were shattered by Mr. Keefe, the probation officer, who said the wife and children were now being supported by the overseers of the poor and the St. Vincent de Paul society, and that it was really better for the family that he should be sent to serve his sentence, as if he were at home the family would not get this aid. His honor then said: "I think you had better let the county of Suffolk support you, rather than your wife, for the next two months at the House of Correction."

Three young lads, Thomas Dundan, Willard H. Ayers and Joseph Danforth, who had been convicted of breaking and entering, came up for sentence. They were sent to the Concord reformatory.

Michael Welch, for breaking and entering, was committed to the House of Correction for two years. He had a record from Portland, Me., which Chief Watts presented to the court.

James E. Barrett, one of the soldiers who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering at Winthrop, was admitted to probation. His associate was on Monday sent to prison for three years, because of a previous record.

CARLOAD OF JERSEYS

DRIVEN ACROSS THE CITY FOR HOOD'S FARM.

A carload of Jersey cows attracted attention as they were driven from the depot across the city and out Andover street to Hood's farm. They were purchased by Supt. Dodge of the farm and are all the rarest milch cattle.

The farm has received further distinction in a test by a representative of the Massachusetts Experiment Station appointed by the Jersey Cattle Club and under its rules. The result showed that a two year old heifer, Tenona 4th, bred at Hood's farm broke the world's record for milk and butter, having produced in one year 8,033 lbs. of milk which gave 539 lbs. and 6 ozs. of butter. The daily average of milk was 22 lbs.; of butter 1 lb. 7½ ozs.

MIND UNBALANCED

THOMAS SHEA WILL BE RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

Thomas Shea, alleged to be insane, was arrested in Gorham street at 1.45 this morning by Sergt. Freeman and Patrolmen Hanalan and Counihan. Shea is 59 years old and has been confined in the asylum for the insane at Worcester. On Nov. 5 he was discharged from that institution, but his condition is such that it will be necessary to recommit him.

BANKING FIRM FAILED.

BREMEN, Germany, Feb. 10.—The banking firm of Stephan, Lurman & Son has failed. The assets are estimated at $250,000 and the liabilities at $1,500,000. Besides Bremen, the principal places affected are New York, London and Paris.

SPECIAL NOTICES

TO THE SPIRITUALISTS of our city—There will be a circle at my home, 365 Gorham street, opposite Court house, on Wednesday evening of this week. Mrs. C. Adams.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a doll carriage, a go-cart or a handsome doll with a pound of tea or two pounds of coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position to do housework and care for children in working family. Apply at 52 Bridge street.

WANTED—Situation washing dishes or at light housework and minding a child or two. Apply at 12 Brown street.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children able to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 89 Crosby street.

NURSE—Capable, experienced, can be obtained at reasonable terms at 38 Jones avenue, Drucut Centre.

WANTED—A situation as housekeeper by a neat, capable, experienced American, where strict attention will be appreciated. Address J. B. W., care Machine Co., Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

POULTRY

POULTRYMEN—To make hens lay feed green cut bone; nothing like it; cut fresh daily. Adams Supply Co., 40 Middlesex Street, room 18, Lowell.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

SACRIFICE SALE—62 acres close to three cities; electrics pass for beaches and cities; high, overlooking; all good buildings; price $2500. Call or write the Arlington house, Lowell. Call for Mr. Batchelder.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

ON THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

At Y. M. C. A. hall, last evening, Mr. A. C. Russell gave an illustrated lecture concerning his recent trip through Europe, including the Land of the Midnight Sun, to a large audience. Mr. W. A. Haywood manipulated the stereopticon. The lecture was very much enjoyed, and the views several of which were colored, embraced scenes in London, Eng., Austria, Hungary, Russia, including Poland, Holland, Carlsbad, the Saratoga of Europe, Germany, Sweden and the charming water-ways and waterfalls of Norway, till, in all its sublimity the sun is seen at midnight. Mr. Russell and his family were absent from Lowell 78 days; they visited seven different countries and used eight kinds of money.

At the conclusion of the lecture, ice cream and cake were passed by Mesdames J. H. Short, Natt Peabody, F. E. Waring, Burton Kinney, W. H. Fuller, W. G. McKay and Miss Harriet Jarvis and Messrs. Matt Johnson and F. E. Atkinson. Secretary Morse announced that Prof. Ober of the Textile school will give the address on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, the subject being "The Transmission of Sound." Experiments will be made with both telephone and phonograph.

IN LABOR HALLS

SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD LAST NIGHT.

The Carders' union held a largely attended meeting in their hall on Palmer street, last evening. Ten new members were taken into the union, while seven applications for membership were received.

The Metal Polishers' union held their regular monthly meeting in Machinists' hall last evening at which routine business was transacted.

At a largely attended meeting of the Printing Pressmen's union, held in Machinists' hall last evening, three new members were taken into the union. Two applications for membership were received. It is expected that the Printing Pressmen will have the union label installed in the two non-union shops in Lowell within a month's time.

The Painters' union held their regular weekly meeting in their rooms last evening at which three new members were taken into the union. There were also three applications for membership received.

At a meeting of Carpenters' union, local No. 40, held in their hall on Middle street last evening, an unusually large number of members were present.

MONTHLY SOCIAL.

Garfield colony, United Order Pilgrim Fathers held its usual monthly social following its regular meeting last evening. An oyster supper, kindly provided by one of the members and served by the well-known chef of the colony, ex-Gov. Howe, was partaken of by the large number present. Next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, this colony will observe its 23d anniversary by holding a public meeting. Supreme Governor Edward P. Lincoln of Boston and other supreme officers will be present. A male quartet, a reader and a soloist have been engaged to furnish the entertainment.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 8, 1904. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in bill accompanying the petition of Henry R. Skinner and others, for legislation to prohibit or restrict the sale of toy pistols, fire-crackers and blank cartridges, in room No. 431, State House, on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. F. M. Heath, Chairman. Frank Selbertich, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 8, 1904. The Committee on Probate and Chancery will give a hearing to parties interested in House bill No. 24, accompanying the petition of Frederick S. Dellrick and others for legislation to provide evening sessions of police, district and municipal courts for the purposes of naturalization, at room No. 431, State House, on Friday, Feb. 12, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Guy W. Cox, House Chairman. William H. Woodhead, Clerk of the Committee.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court, within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Edwin L. Mott of Lowell, in said county, that he was lawfully married to Elenor Mott, now of Toronto Junction, Dominion of Canada, at Norwich, Dominion of Canada, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1882, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Elenor lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at Lowell; that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Elenor being wholly regardless of the same, at Lowell, on or about the ninth day of July, A. D. 1900, utterly deserted your libellant, and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Elenor.

Dated this 28th day of January, A. D. 1904.

EDWIN L. MOTT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, February 1, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our justices of said court at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of March next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest. THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Legende D. French, late of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

WALTER F. LEIGHTON, Adm.,
40 Middlesex St.,
Lowell, Mass.

Jan. 26, 1904.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Two or three yard men at Quinn's coal and wood yard.

WANTED—A wood and coal teamster at John P. Quinn's, Junction of Gorham and Dix streets.

WANTED—A middle aged lady for a housekeeper and to care for children. Apply at 417 Lawrence street.

WANT first-class business man controlling $3000 to manage business in Lowell that will pay more than $2500 yearly; no scheme. National Cash Discount Co., Inc., 87 Weybosset St., Providence, R. I.

WANTED—Salesmen, salary and commissions; large sales and big profits. Call the Arlington house, room 20, Lowell, 6 to 8 p. m.

WANTED—At once, table girl, 45 Fifth street.

WANTED—Good pastry cook. Apply at 64 Mass. corp.

WANTED—Engineer; third-class license. Apply to W. H. Bagshaw, Wilson street.

LIFE INSURANCE—We want a few first-class men who can write insurance; to such men we will pay an absolute guaranteed salary and commission; call and see our new contract for agents. Apply Provident Savings Life, 13 Merrimack square.

WANTED—An experienced cook at the Quincy house, 58 Lee street.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 313 Middlesex street Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential). Room 5, Swan building, 28 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leighas, room 9, Barristers hall.

WANTED

WANTED—Dress making and all kinds sewing by the day. Address J. C., Sun office.

CASH PAID for Trading Stamps. Call at 26 Central street, room 1, Swan Bldg., Wednesday and Thursday from 10 to 4.

WANTED—Dress making, children's clothing a specialty. Apply Mrs. J. M. Brown, 257 Appleton street, Lowell.

WANTED—For cash, a place 6 to 50 acres close to a city and electrics. Call or write to the Arlington house, Lowell. Mr. Dalton. Call 6 to 9 p. m.

WANTED—Children to board in the country; terms reasonable. Address box 163, Billerica.

IF YOU WANT a card or more of dry hard wood for $5, telephone to P. Cogger, truckman, 438 Riverside street.

WANTED—Donations of second-hand clothing for men, women and children for destitute families in our city. Please send bundles or card to Mattie A. Towne, War Cry Sergeant, Salvation Army, Appleton street, Bancroft block, room 12, Lowell.

TO LET

TO LET—Two furnished front rooms, heat, bath, hot and cold water, $1 and $1.25 per week. 855 Middlesex street, opposite Standard Bottling Co.

TO LET A 6-room tenement, newly renovated, 12 Rogers street; rent low. Apply at M. Wyman's, 62 Middlesex St

TO LET—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping, with gas, heat and bath. Apply Weston house, 209 Appleton street.

TO RENT—A lovely four room tenement, good location, $8.00; C. P. Walker, 864 Middlesex street.

TO LET—A 6-room tenement with all modern improvements. Apply at 227 School street.

TO LET—Queen street, three rooms, $7; Concord street, five rooms, $8; Centralville, five rooms, $7.50; two rooms, $4.50; other tenements and stores to rent. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

FOR SALE

576 BRIDGE STREET. White Sewing Machine Co.—Ladies before buying try our automatic drop machine; we have several other makes; you are sure to get suited; give us a call.

THE GREAT BARGAIN PLACE in Lowell for shirts and shirt waists and full suits is the Highland Remnant Store, 39 Pine street; take the Westford street car; a full line of regular 50c mercerized vesting and ottomans for 39c per yd.; also mercerized cheviot, regular price 35c, for 25c to 29c per yd.; regular 37c mercerized Sea Island for 21c per yd.; also Barnaby ginghams, dimmelettes and vestings in bundles by the pound; it will pay you to see these bargains before purchasing elsewhere; also boot and shoe repairing done at lowest prices; drop us a postal card and we will call for and repair and deliver the goods without any extra charge.

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FOR SALE—An almost new upright piano. 17 Manufacturers street, off Short street. Joseph Youngjohns.

$150 PIANO for sale at a bargain, as party is leaving city. Call at 15 Summer street between 2 and 4 and 7 and 9 p. m.

FOR SALE—Drug store, easy terms. Address "Drugs," box 310, Fall River, Mass.

TO SELL—Second hand bath tub, stoves, ice chests, carpets, bed lounge, chairs and many smaller articles, cheap; will go quick. 1 Charles street court.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a good double travers runner sleigh. Inquire at 25 Cross street.

FOR SALE—Fine double sleigh, built to order, nearly new; owner having no further use for it will sell cheap. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

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FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dresses making; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 28 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1¼ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 188 Merrimack st.

MISCELLANEOUS

PAY—Where did you get that good tea? At Elwood's, Davis square. We are giving $8 worth of any kind of trading stamps with one pound of our 60c. tea; $6 worth with our 50c. tea; 15 stamps with our 35c. coffee; 30 stamps with our 25c. coffee; also, we will give double stamps on Saturday, 13th inst., on all our goods, butter, sodas, candy, dry goods, flour, tobacco, etc. We will deliver any goods ordered by postal card. Please, when ordering, state name of tea, price, etc. We have tea from 25c. to 45 per pound. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., Davis square.

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 81 Merrimack St., corner John.

GLORIA is the greatest family beverage; gives weakly, nervous women vigor and health. Boyle Bros., agents. Tel.

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DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padlen, at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1054 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

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IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home, call at 240 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 261 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with ecit paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack St., opp City Hall.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Monday, Boston trip book. Reward at 280 Merrimack street.

FOUND—Sum of money. Owner may have by proving ownership and paying for ads. G. W. Coon, 269 Appleton street, after 7 p. m.

LOST—Fox terrier pup, white, with brown ears, name and address on collar. Finder will please return to 232 Lincoln street. Reward.

LOST—Between Ash street and Merrimack mills, a pair of eyeglasses; Chain on case. Reward at Sun office.

LOST—Saturday evening between Newhall and Union streets, brooch pin with photo on it. Reward at 14 Newhall St.

LOST—A marten muff in the Bon Marche or on Merrimack street. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to 42 Branch street.

LOST—A sum of money between 537 Dutton and 14 Floyd street. Finder return to Floyd street and receive reward.

LOST—A lady's silver watch with chatelaine pin. Finder please return to 98 Perry street and receive reward.

LOST—A shepherd dog, nine months old. Finder please return to H. Dockett, 90 Concord street.

LOST—Monday afternoon between Chalifoux's store and Middle street entrance to Middlesex club, a pair of eyeglasses in case. Finder rewarded at Sun office.

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590**

A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

The sworn daily average circulation for the month of January, 1904, was: **15,432**

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Quite a controversy is in process in New Hampshire in regard to the house in which Daniel Webster was born, some maintaining that it is not now in existence, while others as stoutly aver that it is still standing. Massachusetts, however, retains at Marshfield the home in which his last years were spent, and there can be no controversy over the authenticity of the dwelling.—Brockton Times.

With such a controversy over the birthplace of a man whose eloquence was heard by many yet in the flesh, what will be the state of affairs two hundred years from now?

With increased powers the state board of arbitration might be made much more useful than at present in the settlement of disputes. It would be well to carry out the governor's suggestion so that on the authority of the governor the board would be empowered to interpose its good offices in any dispute without application from either of the parties concerned. It does seem that the state board of arbitration might easily increase its usefulness. The legislature in making any change in the functions of the board should not confine itself to the governor's suggestion.

THE COTTON KING'S REVERSE.

The friends of justice and humanity will rejoice over the reverse suffered by Daniel Sully, the cotton king, in his effort to keep the price of cotton at a figure under which it cannot be manufactured without reducing the operatives to a condition of serfdom. As the price of cotton goes up, the rate of wages goes down and from this very cause has this cotton king already produced untold suffering among the operatives not only in New England but in the south, where women and children work over eleven hours a day for what is barely sufficient to keep body and soul together.

DEFEAT FOR CHAMBERLAIN.

Chamberlain has suffered a severe reverse in a by election at Gateshead. He boasted that there was no constituency to which he would rather submit his preferential tariff scheme than that of Gateshead, Mr. Chamberlain had proclaimed his opposition to home rule for Ireland as he had done in Gladstone's time when he joined the tories against the home rule bill. To defeat him at Gateshead the Irish party sent over Joseph Devlin, M. P., the brilliant young orator who pleaded Ireland's cause in this country, and he turned the tide against Chamberlain with the result that his candidate was beaten by a majority of 1200.

There is good reason to believe that the defeat suffered by Chamberlain is but the forerunner of many other similar defeats that are to follow.

THE BALTIMORE FIRE.

The Baltimore fire will certainly carry an important lesson to other cities in the art of fire fighting.

It is a matter of some importance to every city in the land to provide against a similar disaster by having a well equipped fire department and as many precautions as possible in the line of fireproof buildings and walls which will stop the progress of a fire that would otherwise spread rapidly.

It is important also that the fire departments should fight the fire from the front, not from the rear or the side as was done in Baltimore until the Philadelphia company arrived.

From what has been learned from the Chicago theatre horror and this most destructive fire in Baltimore, there is much to be learned by other cities if they would avoid such disasters.

One remarkable feature of the great fire is that no firemen were killed. Indeed such a result is calculated to lead to the conclusion that the firemen kept at a safe distance and did not expose themselves to the danger of being overcome by smoke or crushed under falling walls.

DEMANDING MORE OF THE LICENSE FEES

There seems to be no basis of justice underlying the bill now before the legislature providing that one-half the money paid for liquor licenses be turned over to the state. This is one of the schemes devised by Governor Bates to raise money. The other is an inheritance tax. Against the latter there is not so much to be said, but if a city has license it has to bear the expense of the paupers, which the business will produce; but if half the license money be turned over to the state there will not be enough left to support the victims of the traffic. The amount paid the state at the present time is 25 per cent. of the license money. Thus Lowell's last quota was $40,606, but if the change proposed by the governor were made this amount would be doubled.

Why this attempt to extort money from the towns and cities of the state? Simply that the republican party in the state administration last year was recklessly extravagant and it wants to make a better showing this year, not by reducing expenses but by making the towns and cities pay a larger part of the bill.

The measure should be promptly defeated. The scheme is not proposed in the interest of no license but merely to enable the republicans to make a better showing in their state finances.

OUR DANGEROUS SIDEWALKS.

During the past week and indeed since the beginning of this cold spell there has been an unprecedented absence of sand on the slippery sidewalks. On Monday the sidewalks on the business portion of Merrimack street would have made good skating ground, and yet there was no sign of sand, nothing to indicate that we have a street committee and a superintendent of streets. The unusual spectacle of store-keepers on Merrimack street spreading ashes in front of their places of business was seen but nowhere the street department man with his shovel of sand.

The street department is not compelled to put sand on slippery sidewalks but we may be compelled to settle damage suits where parties have fallen through the neglect of the street department to attend to its business. The abuttors are responsible only when by their neglect some obstruction or ice ridge on the sidewalk becomes dangerous, but they are not obliged to do the work of the street department in keeping the sidewalks in safe condition.

EVERYBODY TO BE PENSIONED.

That scheme for pensions for all males who have paid a poll tax for twenty-five years and who have reached the age of 65 years is a new idea surely. It is said to be copied from New Zealand. Perhaps the author of the bill now before the legislature with this provision was in New Zealand and was on the pension list. The pension feature would be very acceptable no doubt, for who is there who would not like to have a pension, but the measure goes farther and suggests an increase in the poll tax to $5 a year instead of $2. If the pension of $2 at the age of 65 is to be purchased by the payment of $3 additional from the age of 21 for 44 years we beg to say that we do not want a pension on any such conditions. We might pay for forty years towards the pension and then die before reaching the age of superannuation. The Marlboro man should make himself popular by putting young men on the pension list at 21 and increasing the poll tax at 65. We surmise that this would pass the legislature just as fast as the other.

SEEN AND HEARD

Watch the Merrimack when the snow begins to go.

All the slips are not between the cups and the lips these days.

As cold as it is in Russia there seems to be lots of hot air floating around there.

Preparations are being made for Easter Monday balls.

The fire insurance companies are being struck hard.

If fires are a criterion, 1904 promises to be a warm year.

The financial year at the local post office closes April 1st.

Our legislator, Mr. W. H. I. Hayes, is keeping unusually quiet.

There are heaps of snow upon the ground, and if a sudden thaw comes walking will be fearful.

The sidewalks see little sand, so they are very slippery, and the old plan of using ashes is almost forgotten.

Havana tobacco is so cheap at present that the manufacturers are seriously thinking of putting some of it into cigars.

The cotton speculators are getting it in the neck, and much good may it do them.

The blood cloud of war has again appeared above the horizon and history but repeats itself.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and a shovelful of sand judiciously applied is a splendid thing.

The snow and ice are packed solid between the street railway rails and there'll be something doing before the summer time.

The milkmen say they never saw such a winter. The deep snow has made it hard for them to get around, especially where they must deliver on foot to back doors.

Please, Mr. Beals, put some more sand on the sidewalks. Get your men out early in the morning and let them off early in the evening. Really, Mr. Beals, you ought to put more sand on the sidewalks.

It was the Japs who tore the Chinese yoke from the necks of the Corean vassals, and while the Chinese fired on the Red Cross, beheaded sick soldiers, and tortured prisoners to death, the Japanese tenderly nursed Chinese captives.

It is pretty hard to get at an underground wire in the streets nowadays. 'Tis a case of "drill, you terriers, drill."

The Lowell bank is the oldest institution of its class in this city, being incorporated in 1828.

The fellow who loves milk and oysters but dispenses with their use because the scientists and some of the rest of the gang say they are laden with germs should be kicked to death by a good healthy mule.

Some of the old timers say that there have been more sleigh ride parties this winter than ever before in the city's history. Little Appleton street seems to be a favorite starting point and the destination, any old place where there's room to dance. We have had sleighing, good, bad and indifferent since December 26.

They do tell that the sleighing is very good indeed in the country, it is not very good in the city and a fellow cannot be too careful—a runner in the car track and over you go. Something that doesn't happen every day, happened yesterday about opposite Palmer street in Merrimack street. A fellow was driving in a cutter and his horse was going at quite a clip when suddenly one of the runners went down on the rail and the sleigh tipped. The young man was exceptionally active. He leaped from the sleigh, rather it seemed as if he just stepped out, brought the horse to a standstill by a vigorous tug at the reins with his right hand while with the left he straightened the sleigh up and went his way as if nothing had happened. He had youth and presence of mind on his side.

The town of Ayer, named after our late fellow citizen, Dr. James C. Ayer, who gave it a handsome town hall, is to have a home for aged women, through the will of the late Dr. Hartwell. It is a very worthy benefaction of Dr. Hartwell's, who for years was medical examiner for northern Middlesex and came to Lowell in a professional capacity on various occasions. The town of Ayer may well honor the memory of two physicians, who have so signally honored it.

Fashions change in vehicles as in clothes and other things. Take the bicycle as an example. Not long since the bicycle was all the rage; everybody felt the need of one, and many had them who could ill afford them. But where is the bicycle now? It has gone into disfavor and where formerly there were hundreds in use you can now scarcely find one. The truth is, the bicycle was done to death. Its usefulness was lost sight of, and it became a means of pleasure, but the fun soon wore off, for propelling a bicycle was more work than riders cared to acknowledge. But time told, and with the fun wearing off came the decline in the useful bicycle, which may yet assert its real and permanent worth. But as a fad it is beyond resurrection.

Our thriving neighbor, the city of Lawrence, came into being a quarter of a century later than Lowell, and its founders were the founders of Lowell. The poet Whittier's "Mountain-born" river, the Merrimack, gave birth to both, a few are aware how closely the early history of both places are interwoven. In 1845 by an act of the legislature the Essex company was formed, and the day the bill became a law 14 gentlemen, among them being the Lowells and Lawrences, Nathan Appleton, Patrick T. Jackson, John Nesmith, Jonathan Tyler and James B. Francis, went to the future city of Lawrence, viewed the location and in the evening drove to Lowell and sat down to a dinner in the Merrimac house. At this dinner Lawrence was born. It was named for Abbott Lawrence, who took 100 shares at $100 each, and became president of the Essex company. This was on March 26, 1845, and two years later Lawrence became a town and was chartered as a city in 1853. From these beginnings Lawrence grew until it now has nearly 90,000 population and a property valuation of fully 30 millions of dollars. Surely here is marvelous growth in a half century—a veritable Arabian Nights' tale, that seems almost impossible. It speaks well for the people of Lawrence.

With a big jump in the price of flour already the war in the far east is pinching American people. Singular, isn't it, how handily the big trusts get hold of a pretext for laying the burdens on the consumers; and you rarely hear of any relief. Pity the poor man—the man who works for a day's pay and has a home to support.

About the hour Father Time cut out the old from the new year there was born a pair of twins, daughter and son, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, living east of Versailles, O., says the Newark News.

Just before A. D. 1903 passed into history the daughter was born, and after the new year 1901 was ushered in the son was born. Both are well and hearty, but although they are twins they can never celebrate the anniversaries of their birth on the same day.

There is also something out of the ordinary connected with the birth of the mother. She is one of a pair of twins and was born on the night of May 31, just before midnight, 23 years ago, and her mate was born early on the morning of June 1.

It happened during one of the hot campaigns in the early '80s. Lawyer Nathan D. Pratt and the late "Judge" Edward B. Quinn frequently addressed meetings in our rural towns. To a place not far away from Lowell they went one evening in a team. Their reception by the democratic citizens of the burg was cordial enough, but there was no hall to meet in and allow the orators to lay down the immortal principles of Jefferson and Jackson. But a little thing like that could not discomfort the faith of true democracy. An open-air meeting was decided upon, and a farm wagon secured for the speakers and distinguished citizens. The meeting was opened by an honored son of the soil, and Mr. Pratt was introduced. His speech was a rattler. "My friends and fellow democrats," he remarked, standing in the creaky, "had-seen-better-days" wagon. "I am proud to stand before you tonight and address you on the grand old platform of the democratic party." Needless to say, his opening brought down the house.

Later on, in the Tilden campaign, Judge Quinn was called to Dunstable to make the welkin ring for democracy. On this occasion a wagon was also used as a speaker's platform. The vehicle fairly groaned under the load of leading citizens, and as Judge Quinn was being introduced it collapsed. The distinguished guests and citizens were tumbled into a heap, but doing no more serious damage than ruffling their hair and clothing and injuring their feelings. Judge Quinn was the first man to his feet. The shafts and seat of the wagon were left in position. The judge promptly clambered up, rose to his feet, and in a calm voice said: "My fellow democrats: Truth crushed to earth will rise again. No matter what happens, a true democrat can always find enough of a democratic platform to stand on." And after the shouts of laughter and applause had died away, the brilliant Judge Quinn launched into a fine speech, and even added an eloquent peroration.

AMERICAN PRIESTS

WERE FIRED UPON BY CONSTABULARY.

MANILA, Feb. 10—Seventeen members of the constabulary stationed at Vigan, one of the leading business centres of Luzon, have deserted, taking with them 50 rifles, 5000 rounds of ammunition and $700, obtained by looting the commissary department.

The number of fugitives has since been augmented by a party of 80 escaping from the same quarter. Gov. Wright promptly requested military assistance and Col. Thomas dispatched a squadron of cavalry scouts in pursuit. Col. Scott leaves today with a body of constabulary.

Later advices indicate that the revolt of the constabulary at Vigan has developed into a small uprising against the Americans and loyal Filipinos. Two American priests, Frs. McCloskey and Kirk, have been fired upon, but no casualties are reported. The telegraph wires leading to the disturbed district have been cut.

Ricarte, one of the former Filipino leaders, is believed to be at the head of this movement.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Cotton futures closed steady. Feb. 12.42, March 12.61, April 12.89, May 13.00, June 13.04, July 13.05, Aug. 12.88, Sept. 11.60, Oct. 11.15, Nov. ——, Dec. 10.80.

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MITCHELL BROSNAN

IS REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT OF H. S. B.

Mitchell Brosnan, son of Lieut. Jas. Brosnan of the police department and formerly captain of Co. D of the High school regiment, has taken Master Thomas Farrell's place as regimental adjutant. Mr. Farrell has left High school and has accepted a position in one of the local banks.

Master Brosnan took his new position last Monday.

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White Dress Waistcoats $3 to $5

Dress Shirts, with cuffs attached or detached $1 to $2

Gloves for evening wear from the best French manufacturers, $1.50 to $2

White cravats, white bows, and Earl & Wilson's latest shapes in Dress Collars.

SULLY'S REVERSE

A Subject for Congratulation in Mill Cities

The following from the Manchester News is of interest to Lowell readers:

The best piece of news that the people of New England have heard for many a day appeared in their newspapers this morning in the form of a dispatch from New York to the effect that the price of cotton slumped from 17½ cents a pound to 13¾ cents.

Daniel Sully, who has engineered the corner in cotton and has thereby reduced the wages and forced untold misery on hundreds of thousands of honest workingmen and their families throughout the east and south, was literally overwhelmed by the offers of cotton that he received. He and the rest of the short interest were literally driven into their holes and the holes plugged with cotton after them.

The bears trampled on all opposition and the speculative and fictitious values that he has labored twelve months to build up were swept away in an hour. Since the present bear movement opened the last Tuesday up to last night cotton had declined $17.50 a bale. And after trying vainly to stop the flood of offers which fairly deluged him, Sully was forced to retire from the ring a beaten man.

He tried later in the day to regain some of his lost prestige but it was no use, and he had to abandon the field worsted for the first time in his long and meteoric career.

Sully's downfall has long been anticipated and predicted and is as certain to ultimately result whether yesterday winds him up or not as the sun is to rise and set. If the price of cotton continues high more and more of it will be planted in this country, and more and more will be planted in Egypt and India. The growth will finally become so great that the market will be glutted and the price will go down no matter if a dozen Sullys were operating to keep it up.

Many forces have operated so far to keep Sully and high prices in the saddle, principal among which perhaps, is the deadly cotton boll weevil which has flourished so ruthlessly in Texas and the southwest generally. When to this is added the comparatively small crop of Egyptian and Indian cotton, and the tremendous increase in manufacturing, particularly in the southern states of this country, it is not at all strange that cotton should go up and stay up.

It is possible if not probable that we shall never see 6 cent cotton in this country again, but good manufacturers assert that the mills can be kept running and the present scale of wages paid with cotton at 12 cents a pound. Good judges believe that cotton will be hammered to that point and will be kept there by manipulation until the new crop comes in and renders further manipulation unnecessary.

At any event a long step toward saner prices and safer conditions was taken on the Cotton Exchange yesterday, and our only hope is that this is the beginning of the end of a career, every step of which has been over the bodies and across the hearts of suffering men, women and children.

Napoleon Bonaparte slew his tens of thousands, but he did it in open combat, took his chance with his men and looked death in the face like the soldier and the hero that he was. And when he triumphed, elevated to the highest places and the chiefest emoluments his fellow warriors. Daniel Sully has brought penury, starvation, want, disgrace, idleness and misery to tens of thousands of peaceful homes and to millions of God's unfortunates struggling for the necessities of life, and has done it wantonly, brazenly, cruelly, while he has gorged himself with the luxuries their blood and sweat brought him. Selfishness has been his predominant trait. He has enriched those who were already rich to make poorer those already poor. A scourge or a famine could not have worked greater disaster to the spinners and weavers of Lancashire, the poor whites and their little underpaid, underfed, undersized offspring in the Carolinas and Georgia, and the more intelligent and better paid operatives of New England, than this man Sully. His whole career has operated like a blast from a furnace upon a delicate marble, withering, scorching, cracking, ruining its beauty, its utility and its life.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The last two performances of "The Octoroon" will be given at the Academy of Music this afternoon and evening. The performances have been well attended and the show is worthy of the patronage of the local theatre goers.

Lovers of bright clean comedy will do well to visit the "Social Whirl" which opens a three nights and daily matinee engagement tomorrow afternoon at the Academy of Music. This piece by a bright New York newspaper man, is one of the strongest bits of humor now on the American stage. The situations are extremely funny, and follow each other with lightning like rapidity, and keep the audience continually convulsed with laughter. Bright, clean comedy is the keynote of this entertainment and is the reason of its strong popularity. The manager, Mr. J. J. Shay, has shown his keen business judgment in introducing very strong vaudeville acts which are far in advance of the specialties carried with like attractions. Lovers of dancing will not fail to see Miss Alice Thornton in her strong buck and wing dancing, or Hall and Parson, the oringinal wench and soubrette. Cunningham and Coveney promise a treat in refined buck and wing dancing, introducing the very strong original act of executing in wooden shoes all the single, double and triple steps known in buck and wing dancing.

AT THE CASTO.

That this week's program at the Casto is highly satisfactory is proved by the fact that the cosy theatre has been crowded at every performance. The race of horse against man is the magnet that draws the crowds and all are well repaid for their attendance. The race is the most exciting event ever placed upon a local stage. Yesterday's races were very close, and the spectators cheered each contestant as they struggled for the lead. The races were not won until the very last yard was covered. The remainder of the program is excellent, and there is not a weak act on the bill. Green trading stamps are given free with orchestra tickets.

BOXING GOSSIP

The Riverview Athletic club will hold its usual smoke talk at Dewey Grove on Friday evening and a fine bill has been arranged.

In addition to the usual musical and terpsichorean numbers, there will be a fine exhibition of the manly art by talented members. The boxing bill will include Joe Gendron of Nashua vs. Kid Cahill of Lawrence; Martin Mead vs. Hughey Napier; Young Marshall of Lowell vs. Joe Murphy of Providence; Jack Osborn of Lawrence vs. Tom McLaughlin.

The meeting will mark the reappearance in the ring of Tom McLaughlin, the welter-weight, who in the old days of the Gladstone and the Knickerbocker clubs, was one of the most promising in this city. Tom has met such men as George Gardner, the late John Dion, Charlie Armstrong, John E. Butler, Young Sharkey and others and showed up finely. Recently he decided to re-enter the ring and those who saw him try out claim that he is all right.

Why don't Old Sport and his rival, whom Old Sport dubs as the "Wailer," engage to entertain the members of the Riverview club at one of their smoke talks?

A match which will interest all Lowell sports is coming in the near future between Jimmy Walsh of Newton, the 105-pound champion of the world, and Kid Flannery of this city. Walsh having recently agreed to take on the Lowell youngster. Friends of Flannery claim that he will lick Walsh, and if he succeeds in doing it he will jump into prominence at once. Flannery is a very likely youngster and all the experts who have seen him work predict a great future for him. It is not unlikely that the match will be held in Lawrence at one of the two clubs there. If so undoubtedly a big crowd from this city will be in attendance. The date of the match and other particulars will be agreed upon some day next week.

VERDICT OF GUILTY

Found in Case of Helen W. Post

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 10—A verdict of guilty was returned last evening by the jury in the case of Helen Wilmans Post, the mental science healer, who has been on trial for the past 10 days in the United States court. The charge against Mrs. Post was that she devised a scheme to defaud divers people and used the U. S. mails to further said scheme.

The maximum penalty is a fine not exceeding $500 or imprisonment not exceeding 18 months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Warranted tooth brushes 19c, 25c, 33c. A. W. Dows & Co.

FRANK JOHNSON

WAS MADE SPECIAL TREASURY AGENT AT BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Frank E. Johnson has been appointed by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw to be special treasury agent at Boston in charge of the New England service, to take the place of Converse J. Smith, who recently resigned. Mr. Johnson is expected to take up his duties tomorrow.

Catarrh and Colds Relieved in ten to sixty minutes.—one short puff of the breath through the blower supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder diffuses this powder over the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use. It relieves instantly and permanently cures: catarrh, hay fever, colds, headache, sore throat, tonsilitis and deafness. 50 cents. Sold by Fals & Burkinshaw.—27.



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RUINS COLLAPSED

Extreme Discomfort for Police and Troops in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10—The night was marked by two new alarms of fire, the fall of a number of walls and conditions of extreme discomfort for the soldiers and policemen on guard, the temperature dropping about 10 degrees and a keen wind blowing throughout the night. The weather conditions it is thought were responsible for the falling walls, the racking effect of the cold upon the heated bricks aiding the wind in bringing down several of the ruins.

The firemen were called out early during the night by an alarm of fire, the blaze originating in the engine room of the lumber yard of William D. Gill & Son, in the southwestern district, not far from the burned district, though the fire was an entirely independent one. Three companies and the fireboat Cataract responded and extinguished the fire after it had done $7500 damage to the lumber yard and an adjacent pulverizer works. Later an unimportant blaze in the northern residence district again called out some of the overworked firemen, but with these exceptions the men spent the night in their beds.

The detachment of police who spent the night in the ruins guarding the vaults and safes in the financial district were far more comfortable. Owing to the need of police to patrol the outlying residential section it was necessary for men to put in 10 and 12 hours of continuous duty and almost without shelter and the men were thoroughly benumbed when relieved at daylight this morning. Even the soldiers on guard for but two hours at a stretch found this tour in the icy wind long enough and considerate officers permitted them to shelter themselves in convenient doorways and build small picket fires wherever possible. Those in exposed posts paced briskly to and fro to keep the blood in circulation. Three companies of troops were kept on continuous patrol duty in the ruins throughout the night and the outer lines were maintained as strictly as ever by the three regiments and the naval brigade. So quiet were the conditions that the military headquarters in the marshal's office were practically closed at midnight.

A conflict between branches of the federal government was reported last night when one of the mail carriers who was endeavoring to enter the post office for duty was halted by a private of the company of heavy artillery which was placed on guard around that building and the sub-treasury. In the encounter between the sentry and the carrier the latter was hit over the head with the soldier's rifle, but was not seriously injured.

One branch of the city government that is running in full operation is the marriage license bureau, 18 licenses being issued yesterday and the rush continuing today.

Among the ruins that collapsed during the early morning hours was a large section of the Calvert street front of the big Equitable building at the corner of Fayette and Calvert streets and the front wall of an office building on St. Paul street between the Herald office and the Law building. A large section of the interior of the latter building also fell in, but the walls withstood the wind.

Buildings of all descriptions in the down town district are in great demand for use as temporary offices. Nearly all of the banking and fiduciary concerns have secured buildings or apartments wherein they will conduct their business until permanent quarters can be secured. The financial centre of the city has been removed from South and German streets to Saratoga and Charles streets, seven blocks to the northwest of the demolished stock exchange.

FIRE IN LAWRENCE

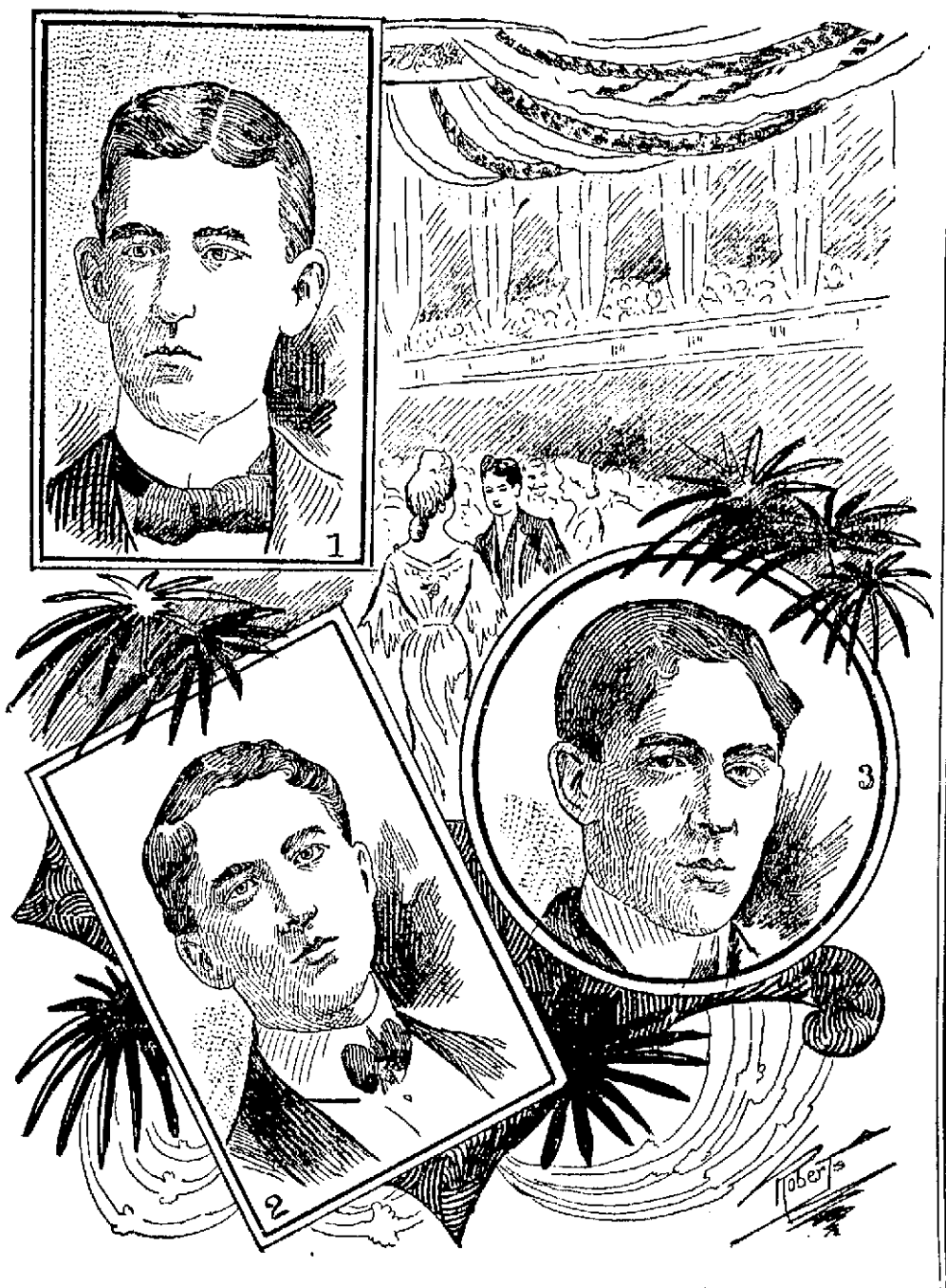
BLAZE STARTED IN CLOSET NEAR A CHIMNEY.

LAWRENCE, Feb. 10.—The fire department had a hard run in responding to the alarm from box 91 on Prospect hill yesterday. The fire was in a dwelling at 72 Woodland street, owned by Fred C. Woekel, and occupied by his family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woekel. The fire originated in a closet on the second floor from the chimney, it is thought.

The crackling of the flames attracted the attention of one of the women in the house, and aid was summoned from the engine house on Howard street near by. The fire was raging in the upper portion of the house when the apparatus arrived, and an alarm was sounded from the box at the engine house. The house was gutted, the damage being estimated at $1500.

Charles Rock, a well known meat cutter, has been appointed a member of the Ayer City fire company to succeed Lieut. Peter Webster, deceased.

A BRILLIANT SCENE



THE Y. M. C. I. BALL.

J. H. McCAFFREY, General Manager.

WALTER F. KING, Floor Director.

WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN, Assistant Floor Director.

Unsurpassed Decorations at the Y. M. C. I. Ball in Huntington Hall

Huntington hall was transformed into a bower of beauty and grace last night. For their seventh annual concert and ball the Young Men's Catholic Institute of the Immaculate Conception parish presented a decorative feature never surpassed in this city. The immense hall was crowded, especially during the early part of the evening and the young men who planned the great social affair of the season in Catholic circles saw their efforts crowned with a success well deserved and most pleasing to the hundreds of friends of the young men.

From 8 until 9 o'clock Knowlton & Allen's orchestra of Natick gave a choice concert which those who occupied seats in the gallery enjoyed.

The music for the concert and the dancing was furnished by Knowlton & Allen's orchestra of Natick, ten pieces. The concert lasted from eight to nine o'clock and consisted of the following selections:—

March—Jolly General .....Morel
Overture—William Tell .....Rossini
Negro Caprice—Gazado .....Godfrey
Clarinet Solo—Sonnambula ..Cavalieri
F. D. Coose.
Selection—Trip to Africa.....Mosely
Finale—Imperial ..... Anthony

Shortly before 9 those who were to take part in the grand march began to arrive. The special guests of the Institute also reached the hall about this time and were escorted to the seats reserved for them in the gallery, by a committee headed by Thomas J. Bean. The front row in the gallery center was occupied by Mayor and Mrs. Howe, Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O. M. I., the spiritual director of the Y. M. C. I., Rev. L. J. Tighe, O. M. I., Rev. Wade Smith, O. M. I., Rev. Fr. Fallon of Holy Angels college, Buffalo, N. Y., Miss Annie Gookin and Dr. Dorgan of Lawrence. A little later the grand march was started and it was then that the beauty of the decorations was seen. The feature was well chosen, the design of the stage which represented an immense court yard being most effective.

A lattice work along which crept a pretty vine dotted here and there with roses was the frame work and crowded along the stage floor were numerous plants, palms, sprouting flowers and hedging. In the center of an artificial pond stood a large fountain from the main figure of which was a little child holding in its arms a goose from whose mouth a spray of water played continually during the night. The whole fountain was ablaze with red and white lights. Around the sides of the stage were set immense Doric columns each surmounted by a large arc light. In the hall itself no less than 400 extra electric bulbs figured in the decoration. From a canopy of pink and white that covered the main chandelier were strung 10 streamers of laurel dotted with small red and white bulbs from which brilliant light shone.

These streamers with great festoons of white and green were attached to other Doric columns set in the gallery. The gallery front was draped in white tussled green bunting and from each electric fixture hung a basket of roses. The large windows were screened with white with an overhanging of green, which were the prevailing colors of the party. On each window was placed a large globe lamp lighted by electricity and the blank space between windows was filled in with oval shaped mirrors.

The undertaking was an extensive one and tested the skill of Decorator Young, who had able assistance from James Flood, chairman of the decorating committee. On all sides came words of surprise and admiration. The friends of the Y. M. C. I. went to the hall expecting to witness something elaborate in the decorative line, but they were not prepared for the treat the young men offered, and their surprise was all the more pleasant and agreeable. The march was the regular military one, though somewhat prolonged, and the scene from the gallery as the young marchers circled the hall was one to be remembered. The costumes of the young ladies were exquisite and marching side by side with their gallant young escorts in full evening dress they attracted unusual attention from the galleries.

The grand march was formed in the reception room, Floor Marshal Walter F. King and Miss Etta King leading. Miss King wore white chiffon over white silk. Following the floor marshal and lady were the following named: Assistant Floor Marshal William J. McLaughlin and Miss Frances Gannon of North Billerica, white silk; Mayor Chas. E. Howe and Mrs. Howe, white chiffon over white silk; Chief Aid John B. Boulger and Miss Kittie Murray, white silk muslin over white silk; General Manager John H. McCaffrey and Miss Emily Gilbride of Boston, steel colored silk; Assistant General Manager Thomas J. Ahearn and Miss Nellie Miron, white silk; Mr. Terence Leonard and Miss Katherine Donohue, pink silk with natural lace trimmings; Mr. Terence E. Flood and Miss Ella Cogger, chiffon over pink silk; Mr. John T. Buckley and Miss Margaret Powers, blue silk muslin over white silk; Mr. Arthur F. McQuaid and Miss Sadie Gilbride, white chiffon; Mr. Walter Foye and Miss Etta Foye, green silk; Mr. Christopher McSorley and Miss Kittie Bushnell, pink crepe de chine and pearls; Mr. Daniel McQuade and Miss Mabel Walsh, white muslin, ribbon trimmings and chiffon; Mr. Eugene Queenan and Miss Belle McCarthy, white silk; Mr. Joseph Cooney and Miss Mabel Lee, pink muslin; Mr. Martin Calnan and Mrs. Calnan, black and white silk with jet trimmings; Mr. John J. Kelleher and Miss May Kelleher, white chiffon with pearl trimmings; Mr. William M. Clarke and Miss Elizabeth P. Rawley, pink silk; Mr. James A. Finnerty and Miss Katherine Kelley, gray silk voile; Mr. Frank P. McGilley and Miss Madeline Crevier, white silk; Mr. William O'Connell and Miss Edith Farrington, pink silk; Mr. Frank Burns and Miss Linda Fee, pink crepe de chine; Mr. Thomas O'Donnell and Miss Bridget Smith, white muslin and ribbon trimmings; Mr. Alfred J. Cooney and Miss Annie Cooney, white silk; Mr. James J. Flanagan and Miss Eva Curtin, white mull's veiling; Mr. John B. McMinimon and Miss James, white silk inousseline; William D. Raygan and Miss A. Grace Burry; Edward F. Quinlan and Miss Grennan, Frank J. Higgins and Miss Lillian Rogers; Thomas Slowey and Miss Julia Cronin; George Murphy and Miss Mary Danahy; Edward J. Cahill and Miss Gertrude Lyons; John J. Sullivan and Miss Katherine L. McKeon; Leonard Swallow and Miss Blanche Whitcher, and others.

After the march came the circle and then the regular order of 18 engagements, with extras, was danced. At midnight the supper was served in Jackson hall and then dancing was resumed and continued until 2 o'clock this morning.

The officers of the ball were: General manager, John H. McCaffrey; assistant, Thomas J. Ahearn; floor marshal, Walter F. King; assistant, William T. McLaughlin; chief aid, John B. Boulger.

Aids—Terrence E. Flood, Terrence D. Leonard, Arthur F. McQuaid, Joseph P. Cooney, Daniel E. McQuade, John B. McMenimon, John T. Buckley, Francis A. Burns, Frank P. McGilley, Martin Calnan, William M. Clark, Alfred J. Cooney, James H Flannagan, John J. Kelleher, Joseph C. McCarron, Christopher J. McSorley, Eugene C. Queenan, George B. Willett, J. Walter Foye, Charles C. Burns.

Reception committee—James E. Burns, chairman; James H. Flood, George E. Clark, John A. O'Connor, James J. Healey, William H. McCarron, John J. Flannagan, John J. King, William F. Flannagan, Charles A. King, Martin F. Conley, Michael J. Finley, Daniel J. O'Brien, Daniel E. Hogan, Thomas J. O'Hare, Thomas M. Welch, Thomas L. Smith, John F. Martin, Arthur J. McQuaid, Thomas J. Beane, Joseph F. Burns, Edward D. Quinlan.

The officers of the ball committee were: Patrick J. Mooney, chairman; James J. Finnerty, secretary; John T. McLaughlin, treasurer. Following are the sub-committees:—

Music—Walter F. King, John Flanagan, Terrance Leonard, John Buckley, William McLaughlin.

Decorating—James H. Flood, Thomas O'Hare, James Healey, James Burns, Thomas Ahearn.

Printing—James Finnerty, Daniel Hogan, Patrick J. Mooney, Martin Calnin, John McLaughlin.

Catering—Al Cooney, Thomas Smith, Thomas Kelley, John Martin, Arthur J. McQuaid.

Badges—William McCarron, Gene Queenan, Christopher McSorley, Harry Finley, John B. Boulger.

Tickets—Charles King, William Clark, Francis McGilly, Joseph McCarron, John McCaffrey.

FIRE CHECKED

THE LOSS IS PLACED AT $350,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—The fire which started early today in a building owned by the Wilce Lumber Co., and occupied by the Chicago Table company, was communicated to the lumber yard of H. C. Schultz on Throp street, but the firemen succeeded in checking its spread. The plants of the Chicago Table company, the Chicago Picture Backing company and F. Wintermeyer company, were destroyed entailing losses estimated at $350,000. Seven firemen were hurt, one fatally.

LOWELL, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1904.

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This lot is from a big importer and includes all the new patterns in Fine Hosiery to be worn this spring and summer.

FOR 19c A PAIR—Black Lace Lisle, Plain Lisle and Embroidered Hose. Regular price 25c.

FOR 25c A PAIR—Boot Lace patterns, all-over Lace and Embroidered Lisle. Regular price 38c.

FOR 38c A PAIR—Fancy Embroidered Lisle, Clocks, Boot patterns and Lace Lisle. Regular price 50c.

FOR 50c A PAIR—Beyer Mercerized Hose, Silk and Lisle, Plain and Embroidered, all the new Spring shades. Regular price 75c.

FOR 75c A PAIR—Regular dollar Hose. Fine Lisle, Plain Black and Highly Colored Fancies.

Sale Begins Tomorrow Morning

WEST SECTION—LEFT AISLE.

MIRABILIA---SOAP
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She will be glad to see her old friends at our Toilet Dept.

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175 pairs Heavy Wool Blankets, 10-4 size, regular price $4.00 and $5.00 a pair, only.....$2.00 A PAIR

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At these prices the next season's Blankets should be bought now.

See Palmer Street Windows

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The Popular Magazine For March

Out to-day, contains the first of a series of notable stories by famous authors of Adventure Fiction. It is entitled

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By ARTHUR W. MARCHMONT, author of "When I Was Czar," "By Right of Sword," etc.

In addition, this number will also contain the opening chapters of

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THE GLOVE COUNTER

—IN—

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Will be an attractive place for bargain seekers the balance of the week. There is not a particle of damage to this stock but the selling of the past week has broken up the size assortments of several of our lines. Consequently we propose by ridiculously low price offerings to clean up odds and ends, and shape ourselves for the reception of new lines for the Easter trade.

At 5c a Pair

You will find great picking from a lot containing about 75 dozen Infants' Mittens; good range of colors.

7c a Pair

Is the price that we have made on a lot of Misses' Black Mittens that even at this late day would ordinarily be thought cheap at twice the price.

At 19c a Pair

We have several baskets filled with Ladies' Cashmere Gloves that formerly sold at 29c and 39c a pair.

At 21c a Pair

We have a quantity of Ladies' Black Kid Gloves (sizes 5½ or 5¾ only), Suede or Glace Gloves, regular value $1.00 and $1.25.

At 49c a Pair

You will find great picking. Cashmere and French Wool Gloves in beaver, black or gray, that formerly sold at 75c and $1.00 a pair. Ladies' Silk Evening Gloves, 12 and 16 button lengths, black, white or fancy colors together with several other odds and ends that originally sold for double the price.

At 59c a Pair

This lot is particularly strong and contains Ladies' Red Lined Mocha Gloves, sizes 6, 6¼, 6½. Also Ladies' Suedes, White Glace with black embroidery oak, pearl, blue, green, black or red (small sizes only). Also Boys' Lined Kid Gloves in Mocha, together with several other lines to be added this morning. The regular prices of the above were from $1.00 to $1.50 a pair.

THAT BASEMENT OF OURS

Here is where we are creating havoc with prices. We are obliged to because we must clear out this stock quickly as we need this room for other lines of merchandise. Bric-a-Brac, Fancy China, Lamps, Glass Ware, Silverware, Tea or Dinner Ware at half and sometimes less than half their regular prices.

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FOR THE NEW HOME

Mr. Ayer Sends $25,000 to the Y. W. C. A.

A special meeting of the Young Women's Christian association trustees was held yesterday at which Miss Kitson presented and read the following letters, which explain themselves, and upon which subsequent action was taken as recorded below.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 9, 1904.
Miss Charlotte P. Kitson:

My Dear Miss Kitson: I take very great pleasure in transmitting this letter, with check for $25,000 enclosed, from Mr. Frederick Fanning Ayer of New York city. It may not be improper for me to say that Mr. Ayer has made a somewhat careful study of the revised plans for the contemplated new building for the Young Women's Christian association, and shows his approval of them by adding to his former splendid contribution of $40,000 this additional gift of $25,000, which will be sufficient to complete the new home in accordance with the revised plans. Permit me to extend to you and your co-workers in this noble charity my hearty congratulations for this most substantial evidence of Mr. Ayer's great interest in the work you are doing for the young women of our city; and also my best wishes for a continuance of the success which has attended your institution since its foundation. Yours very truly,

(Signed) JACOB ROGERS.

New York, Feb. 6, 1904.
Jacob Rogers, Esq., Lowell, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rogers: Understanding that the Young Women's Christian association will require $25,000 additional funds to complete its new building in John street, in accordance with the revised plans, I enclose my check for that amount which I will ask you to present to Miss Kitson for the association, said money to be used for the construction of the new building in John street in accordance with the revised plans which I have approved.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) FREDERICK F. AYER.

After the reading of these letters, on motion of Mrs. Stowell, the following resolutions were unanimously passed amid great enthusiasm:

Resolved: That the trustees and directors of the Young Women's Christian association find it difficult to select words which will fully express their profound gratitude to Frederick Fanning Ayer, Esq., of New York city for his second splendid gift of $25,000, which, added to his recent gift of $40,000, makes the great sum of $65,000, and which will enable us to fully construct the building now under contemplation; and which will not only prove an ornament to our city but will be so admirably adapted to the wants of our association.

Resolved: That when this building, made possible by Mr. Ayer's great generosity, is completed we shall be enabled to greatly enlarge the scope of our work. And it will be our constant endeavor to so conduct this so greatly needed charity as to convince our generous donor that his money has not been unwisely bestowed.

Resolved: That we proceed with the construction of the building as rapidly as is consistent with strict economy, to the end that we may as soon as possible be in condition to greatly increase the beneficent work which we are striving to do.

It is perhaps unnecessary to say that this letter of Mr. Ayer's came as a great surprise and the trustees were overwhelmed with pleasure at the certainty that their dreams of a new and splendid building were now about to be realized.

CIRCULATION COUNTS....

In estimating the cost of advertising, remember that circulation is what counts. When a paper with one-half or one-third the circulation of The Sun asks Sun rates for advertising space, you can readily see how cheap our rates really are.

The real cost of advertising is not the rate per inch, but the rate per inch per thousand of circulation.

LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Character of the Great Statesman

DESCRIBED AT THE EDUCATIONAL CLUB

Interesting Paper by Mrs. W. D. Hill

Mrs. W. D. Hill read a paper upon Abraham Lincoln before the Educational club yesterday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended. Mrs. Hill said in part:

Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, and he died April 14, 1865. He was not a type—he stands alone. He had the advantage of living in a new country—a country of social equality and of personal freedom, and he saw in the horizon of his country's future, the perpetual star of hope. He preserved his individuality and his self-respect. He knew, and mingled with men of every class. He was familiar with nature, with actual things, with common facts. Lincoln never finished his education, but to the day of his death was a seeker after knowledge. He was a many sided man, acquainted with smiles and tears, complex in brain single in heart. His words were as candid as mirrors, for they gave the perfect image of his thoughts. No man had keener wit, or kinder humor. He was a master of the story teller's art. In illustration he was apt, in application perfect. In speech he was liberal, yet using no word which could be misinterpreted. He was an orator, clear, sincere, natural. If one wishes to know the difference between oratory and eloquence, between what is felt and what is said, between what the heart and brain can do together, and what the brain can do alone, he should read Lincoln's wondrous words at Gettysburg, and then the speech of Edward Everett upon the same subject.

Lincoln cared nothing for position, but everything for principle—nothing for money, but everything for independence. He knew slavery had defenders, but no defense, and that they who attack the right must wound themselves. With him men were neither great nor small—they were right or wrong. Nothing discloses real character like the use of power. If you wish to know what a man is, give him power, this is the supreme test. It was the glory of Lincoln that having almost absolute power he never abused it, but used it upon the side of mercy. Wealth could not purchase, power could not awe this loving man; he knew no fear except the fear of doing wrong. Hating slavery, pitying the masters, seeking to conquer not persons but prejudices, he was the embodiment of self-denial and courage. He spoke not to inflame, nor to upbraid, but to convince. He longed to pardon. He loved to see the smiles of joy on the faces of those he had rescued from bondage. Lincoln was the grandest of figures of the fiercest of civil wars. Every heart cherishes and reveres his memory. Mrs. Hill read a favorite poem of Mr. Lincoln's, "O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud." Miss Hill read Lincoln's Gettysburg oration and she gave Edward Everett's comments on the speech, which were: "I would have given more to have written those 20 lines than for all the fame the nation could bestow upon me."

After the singing of America Mrs. H. S. Whiteside read an account of the work of the second Betsey Ross, who has recently made the flag for Panama. Mrs. W. H. Pepin invited the club to meet at her home, 442 East Merrimack street, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23, when the entertainment will take the form of a Lady Washington tea.

TERRIBLE DEFEAT

Manchester Team Was Turned Down by Lynn

HARRY HOUGH WAS ON HIS METTLE

Hudson Took a Game From Haverhill

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 10.—The Manchesters got their worst defeat of the season last night at basket ball in a game with the Lynn team in Mechanics' hall. Harry Hough, the famous basket thrower of Pennsylvania, was pitted against Capt. Qualey, and completely outclassed the Manchester captain, rolling up a score of nine baskets.

Each of the Lynn players had the better of his opponent in all departments of the game, their shooting for the basket being the fastest and most accurate ever seen in this city.

Healy and Donnelly did the best work for the home team, and Lynch, who succeeded Qualey in the third period, held Hough down to a single basket. The summary:

LYNN		MANCHESTER
Fogarty lf		rb Donnelly
Hough rf		lb Qualey
		lb Lynch
Mulliner c		c Healy
Mayhaw lb		rf Reagan
Kinkaide rb		lf Devlin

Score, Lynn 60, Manchester 33. Goals from floor, Fogarty 5, Hough 10, Mulliner 3, Mayhaw 3, Kinkaide 3, Donnolly 6, Healy 5, Reagan, Devlin 2, Lynch 2. Points from fouls, Lynn 2, Manchester. Fouls, Fogarty, Mulliner, Mayhaw, Kinkaide, Donnelly, Qualey, Healy 3, Reagan 2, Referee, J. H. Tirney. Timekeepers, Goodnow and Connolly. Attendance, 800.

HUDSON 34, HAVERHILL 31.

HUDSON, Feb. 10.—In the opera house last evening Hudson defeated Haverhill in a closely-contested, three-period match in the New England league. The match was interesting and exciting throughout. At the end of the first period Hudson led, but the end of the second found Haverhill in front. Hudson finally won by a score of 34 to 31. The summary:

HUDSON		HAVERHILL
Leighton rf		lb Kelliher
Kennedy lf		rb Doyle
Luce c		c Wachter
Corcoran rb		lf Moran
Evers lb		rf Lynch
Haggerty lb		rf Harrington

Score, Hudson 34, Haverhill 31. Goals from floor, Leighton 5, Moran 4, Kennedy 3, Corcoran 3, Wachter 3, Doyle 3, Haggerty, Evers, Kelliher, Lynch, Harrington. Goals from fouls, Hudson 8, Haverhill 5, Referee, Bradley. Scorer, Clark. Timer, Regan. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 400.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Getzinger will be with us Friday night and then all will be lovely.

Tom Ed Smith is not a bit downcast. They'll come yet, says Tom.

Natick will play here Friday night, and the home team hopes to score another victory over Hacy's boys.

The champion ticket taker has made a shift. Eddie joined the Mathews when the Burkes disbanded and he's the happiest man in town. "I'm in the game with Gene Crane now," said Eddie to all his friends who went to the game Monday night.

PERSONALS

Rev. Frederick I. Kelley of Dracut preached at Sayersville, R. I., Sunday.

Mrs. Robert A. Smith is quite sick with appendicitis at her home in Hampshire street.

Miss Blanche Culver Matthews of South Manchester, N. H., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Culver in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Warley of North Chelmsford are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Helen A. Whittier addressed the Danvers Women's association yesterday afternoon on "Evolution of the Gothic Cathedral."

Born in Worcester, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Draper, a daughter. Mrs. Draper was formerly Miss Lillian Phelps of this city.

WHIST PARTY.

Last evening a delightful pit and whist party was held at the home of Mr. Charles H. Snowman, the grocer of Lincoln square. A large number of Mr. Snowman's relatives and friends was present and the evening passed pleasantly. During the evening refreshments were served and a fine musical program was carried out.

In the games, Miss Jeanette Snowman won first prize, while Mr. Ray Clifford took second.

WAS DRIVEN AWAY

Steamer New York Was Fired On

A DOMINICAN GUNBOAT FOLLOWED HER

Wbs Not Allowed to Land Goods

MONTE CRISTI, Republic of Santo Domingo, Saturday, Feb. 6.—The Clyde line steamer New York, from New York Jan. 30, arrived here this morning, followed by the Dominican gunboat Presidente.

Lighters were sent alongside the New York to bring ashore some ammunition which formed part of her cargo. When the lighters had nearly reached the steamer the gunboat fired on them and the revolutionists on shore replied with cannon and mausers.

The New York, being in danger, left Monte Cristi for Porto Plata. The firing continued for half an hour, after which the gunboat sailed for Porto Plata. She was hit twice by round shot and apparently by hundreds of bullets, for she stopped and lowered boats, evidently to plug the holes made in her hull.

The failure to land the ammunition is a serious blow to General Jiminez, for whom it was intended, and may cause him to lose the ground he had already gained. An attack on Santiago de los Caballerus has been fixed for Sunday.

The German steamer Altenburg was here on Monday. The revolutionists did not permit her to discharge cargo at this port.

FOUR EPILEPTICS

REMOVED FROM CITY FARM TO STATE HOSPITAL.

Four epileptic patients at the city farm will be removed to the state hospital at Munson, Mass., this week, where they will receive special treatment. The transfer is in line with the new order which gives the state charge of such cases and is a benefit both to the city and the patients themselves.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT HELD LAST EVENING.

Outside talent appeared at the concert at the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening and the entertainment was one of the best of the season.

There were songs by Miss Mary Munroe, Miss Nano M. Gallagher, Jas. E. Donnelly and Joseph F. Murphy, readings by William F. Thornton and piano solos by George Wiley.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

GIVEN IN COLONIAL HALL LAST EVENING.

The Siegel-Myers-Caveny concert company gave a delightful entertainment in Colonial hall last evening and entertained a large audience. The three performers making up the company are a talented trio and furnished a finely varied program. Mr. Samuel Siegel is a master of the mandolin. Mr. Hyman Myers musician-humorist, was Italian grand opera, and his "Chicken Paith." Mr. Frank Caveny, cartoonist and recitationist, is a lightning sketch artist and illustrated his pieces as he recited them. Each number on the program was finely rendered and recalls were frequent.

HIS TRAVELS

STORIES OF "THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN."

The attraction at the Young Men's Christian association, last evening, was a lecture on "The Land of the Midnight Sun" by Hon. Asa C. Russell. A great many ladies were present and the attendance was the largest since the membership entertainments were started.

Mr. Russell's story of his travels and experiences was decidedly interesting and the audience was a very attentive one.

BOARD OF HEALTH

HELD A BUSINESS MEETING YESTERDAY.

The board of health held a short session yesterday and touched upon the gas nuisance. Agent Knapp reported for the inspectors that several business firms exhaust their steam into the city sewer pipes, as claimed by Mr. Dunbar. More time was asked for the investigations, it being the opinion of Mr. Knapp that two weeks would be needed to look over all the manufacturing establishments in Lowell.

BETTER SERVICE

WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE CHELMSFORD LINE.

The recent kicks at the poor service of the local division of the Boston & Northern street railway on the Chelmsford street line has led the officials of the road to make an effort to remedy the evils and give the patrons of that road better service. The road is now repairing the bonding, which was one of the defects on the line, and new trolley wire is being strung. Cars with four motors are to replace those with two and better time can be made on the line.

As soon as the frost leaves the ground the road will be rebuilt.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Lowell General Hospital Aid association was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Ida Stevens, 24f Stevens street, and was largely attended. The monthly reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted, and the ladies accomplished a large amount of sewing for the hospital. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The March meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Amanda A. Entwistle 48 Highland street.

Mr. Quinn of the firm of Bornstein & Quinn, has recovered from the injuries received during recent fire at his store, 118 Gorham street, and announces that the big fire, smoke and water sale will open Friday morning.

JOBS FOR STAMPS

Scheme of a Concern in in Lynn

THE POSTAL INSPECTORS MAKE INVESTIGATION

Mail Addressed to Agency Held Up

LYNN, Feb. 10.—The "New England Agency of Employment" which has headquarters in the Currier building, Union street, is in trouble with the United States authorities, and post-office inspectors are investigating the charges made against the concern.

In the meantime it is understood the mail addressed to the agency has been held up, pending the result of the action of the Washington authorities, and none of the persons interested in the concern were at the office yesterday afternoon.

The agency advertised to endeavor to secure employment for persons at St. Louis during the world's fair, either in the city, suburbs or in the exposition, and judging from the number of letters received, there are many thousands who desire to go to the fair with little or no expense attached.

The government has stepped in because six two-cent stamps were asked to place the name of the applicant on the files, and thus far the inspectors say they have been unable to find where any jobs have been received. Application will be made for a fraud order, it is said, and an effort made to prohibit the concern from using the mails.

Hundreds of complaints have been received at the local postoffice and by the United States inspectors against the concern, while many persons in this city have been appealed to by friends at a distance to investigate and ascertain if the concern was reliable.

From 500 to 1000 letters have been received daily, it is stated, during the past month, but the blow came yesterday when no mail was delivered, notwithstanding the vigorous protest of a man who said his name was H. Roberts and the proprietor of the agency.

The postoffice authorities brand the scheme as a clever way to get stamps and say that hundreds of people, particularly in New England, New York and Pennsylvania, have filed their names with the concern in the hopes of getting good situations during the fair.

Yesterday a reporter called at the office, finding the place after considerable difficulty, as none of the other occupants of the office building knew of the existence of the agency. A man who said he was not Mr. Robtrts was present and he said Mr. Roberts had gone to Washington to see about the affair.

Mr. Roberts had an office in another room, he said, and on the door of this office indicated there was no sign. It was locked and the elevator boy volunteered the information that all business with the agency was done by mail.

Maine and New Hampshire have been prolific fields for the agency. The suggestion of free railroad transportation has evidently appealed to many persons who would like to view the buildings and exhibits at the fair, and they have willingly sent along their stamps.

Many of the letters have come from young women on farms who desired to become waitresses or serve in stores, and had longed for an opportunity to visit the fair at little or no expense. Men have applied for almost every conceivable position from manager to gardener.

DISABLED CAR

ON NASHUA LINE DELAYED LOWELL PASSENGERS.

An accident on the Nashua line last night made it disagreeable for some of the people who were coming to this city. A car which was due in Nashua at 10 o'clock was disabled about a mile this side of Lakeview by the breaking of the brake chain. The conductor of the disabled car had to walk to Lakeview, where the incoming car was waiting on the turnout, and ward was then telephoned to this city.

The disabled car was then pulled to Lakeview and the passengers were transferred to the car which was coming to Lowell and the latter returned to Nashua. A car was then sent from this city to bring the Lowell passengers here. It was about 2 o'clock this morning when the stranded passengers arrived in the square.

RESULTED IN A DRAW.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The wrestling match, catch as catch can, between Jack Munroe and Gus Ruhlin before the Criterion Athletic club last night, resulted in a draw at the end of an hour and fifteen minutes. Neither men secured a fall.

DRASTIC STEPS

To End Anarchy in San Domingo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Drastic measures will be taken by this government to end the anarchy in San Domingo. Continued violation of international law, destruction of American property and disregard of foreign interests has convinced officials that affairs there can be best improved by force. Its handling has been turned over to the navy and Secretary Moody sent, last night, supplementary instructions to Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron now in Dominican waters, giving him wide latitude in the course he is to follow. Rear Admiral Wise has been told in a word to protect by force American interests and to deal with each on its own merits. The reports received from the island show, as an official expressed it last night, that the affairs are "semi-barbaric."

The question was one of the features of the cabinet meeting yesterday and at the close of the discussion it was decided the best solution of the problem was to turn affairs over to the navy.

WOMAN LAUGHED

WHEN SHE HEARD DETAILS OF MURDER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—Mrs. Catharine Ray, 21 years old, of Newark, N. J., was put on trial there yesterday for the alleged murder of her three-year-old niece, Marie C. Conning. She shocked the dignified chief justice of New Jersey and horrified lawyers and spectators by laughing outright as she listened to the details of her alleged crime from the lips of witnesses.

The alleged murderess seemed not to understand her position. She smiled and nodded gayly to acquaintances in the court room, joked about the most serious incidents of the trial, and when the case was adjourned for the day and she was being led back to the Newark jail, she loudly asked: "Is my automobile ready for me?"

Little Marie Conning died the night of last Nov. 27. She was found at the foot of a stairway in a dark hall in the house of 10 McWhorton street, Newark, where the Rays lived. The body had more than a hundred cuts and bruises on it. Neighbors and the police charged that Mrs. Ray had beaten and ill treated the child, and the post mortem examination showed death was due to the treatment Marie had suffered. All the circumstances pointed to Mrs. Ray as the one responsible for the death of the child.

SENT TO HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—In the superior court yesterday afternoon, William W. Bartlett and Peter Rasmussan, two members of the Seamen's union, were committed to the house of correction for one month and fined $50 each, for having boarded the schooner Addie M. Lawrence, lying in the harbor, and inducing two non-union sailors to leave the schooner.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs, they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at Goodale's drug store, 217 Central St., Lowell.

INTERESTING SESSION

HELD BY MATHEWS LAST NIGHT.

The regular meeting of the Mathew Temperance Institute was held last night and considerable business of importance was transacted. Vice-President John V. Donoghue occupied the chair and twenty-five propositions for membership were received while eight new members were admitted. A report was read from the committee recently appointed to make arrangements for the unveiling of the memorial tablet, and the tablet will be unveiled on the 6th of March at 2.30 o'clock. A prominent speaker will deliver an address.

Belasco's comedy drama "Charity Ball," which will be presented by the dramatic society of the Mathews on the fourth of May will be one of the most artistic entertainments of this kind ever attempted in this city, as it consists of talented young people and as their efforts in the past have met with much success there is little doubt that the "Charity Ball" will be a grand success.

The contest for floor marshal for the Easter Monday ball grows interesting as time passes and the several candidates are working hard for the position. The candidates are Arthur A. McQuade, Napoleon P. Provencher, John J. Dolan, William J. Collins and M. J. Lawn. The election takes place the last Tuesday evening in February.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last night was held the regular meeting of Greenhalge council, 100, Loyal Association, and besides the regular business of the evening the session was marked by the presentation of past counsellor's jewels to Bros. John S. Chandler and George S. Fenderson for earnest and faithful work performed as presiding officers. After the meeting a generous collation was served and a social hour was spent.

Tonight Rochambeau council is to hold its third class initiation at their hall, 100 Middle street. Since the fire which destroyed several of their robes new ones have been procured and the degree staff has added several new features to their floor work. Grand Vice Regent Faye of Lynn will be present as well as many other visitors from in and out of town.

The entertainment committee of Highland Council will run a series of whist parties at regular meetings of the council, the first one to be held tomorrow night. Seven prizes will be given for total scores for the series and the booby prizes will be given to members only who play the whole series. The members of other councils are invited to compete for the prizes.

The regular meeting of the Cercle d'Youville, Companions of the Forest, was held last night in St. Joseph's hall on Dutton street and much business of importance was transacted. The contest for the member selling the most tickets at a recent party was won by Miss Albina Bourgeois, the prize being a $25 gold watch. The second prize, $2.50 in gold, was won by Mr. Maurice H. Noval. The other prize winners and prizes were as follows:

First, a hat, John Vlamis; second, chair, B. White, Worcester; third prize, umbrella, Miss Lizzie Bedell; fourth prize, shoes, F. X. Dostaler; fifth, shirtwaist, Miss J. Trudeau; sixth, lamp, T. E. Conley, Worcester; seventh, jardiniere, Mrs. Sullivan, Mt. Vernon street; eighth, dozen of photographs, Miss Mary Cass; ninth, perfume, Sam Squires, Waterbury; tenth, bust, Miss Philomene Lantagne.

The contest committee consisted of the following members: Miss Cordelia Guertin, president; Joseph Dextra, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Lemieux, secretary; Miss Alexina Roule, Miss Rose Dextra, Miss Elise Landry, Miss Marie Louise Gervais.

TEAMSTER ARRESTED

IS CHARGED WITH THE BEDFORD MURDER.

BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 10—James McDonald, the teamster who testified before the board of inquiry in the Bedford murder mystery has been arrested, charged with the murder and will be taken to Jeffersonville.

BRANCH IN BOSTON

OF THE NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—In response to a call signed by Charles Francis Adams and forty other representative business men of this city, a meeting was held last night at the Exchange club, at which it was voted to form a branch of the National Civic Federation. It was decided that the organization should not be strictly local in its scope, but should be extended throughout New England in order that the textile and other important interests may be given representation.

Major Henry L. Higginson presided, Ralph Eastly, secretary of the National Civic Federation was present and told of the work of that body.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

A series of revival services which will continue the remainder of the week, Saturday night excepted, were begun last evening in the First Congregational church. Rev. S. T. Ford, D. D., was the speaker, and he was most convincing and successful, several rising in promise to lead better lives. This evening the Rev. George E. Lovejoy of Lawrence will be the speaker; Rev. Dr. Martin of the Kirk Street church will speak Thursday evening and on Friday night Rev. S. D. Millin of the Mt. Vernon church will conduct the service.

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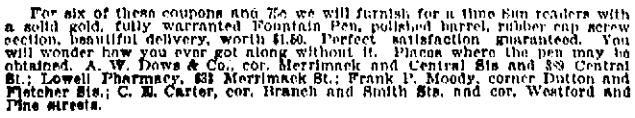
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I believe when the public becomes thoroughly familiar with the virtues of Paw-Paw it will not only be used in every home, but will be adopted into the United States Army and Navy, and used in every hospital throughout the civilized world.

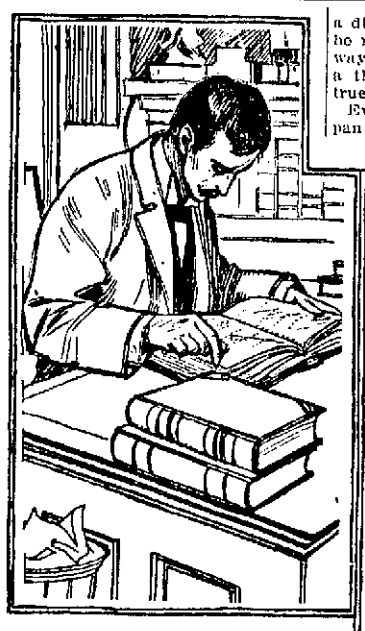
—MUNYON.

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Baron Komura, the Man of the Hour In Japan

IF a history could be written of the diplomatic wars, of the battles lost and won behind closed doors, the world would come to understand that not all great generals bear military titles. The man who has handled the Japanese end of the imbroglio in the far east has revealed himself to be no mean tactician. Pitted against the trained and secretive diplomats of Russia, with the veteran Lamsdorff at their head, this comparatively youthful Jap has shown himself their equal and, if he originated the American and Japanese treaties with China in Manchuria, their superior.

Jutaro Komura, the present Japanese minister of foreign affairs, received most of his education in America. After completing the regular literary course in one of the home universities he entered the Harvard Law school in 1875 when little past twenty and graduated in 1877, being the first Jap to take a degree from that university. He then spent another year at Harvard in postgraduate work, principally in the study of international law. He next went to New York and entered the law office of ex-Attorney General Davenport, where he spent another year in the study of international law. Still he was not satisfied. Going to Rochester, he entered the law office of ex-Commissioner Smith of the court of claims, then legal adviser of Japan, where he took yet another year's work in international law. Thus he had spent five years in America, especially fitting himself for the career he was to follow. There is a story to the effect that he had shown himself a first rate diplomat while still in his teens in his native land and that his American education was provided at the expense of his government.



STUDYING LAW IN AMERICA.

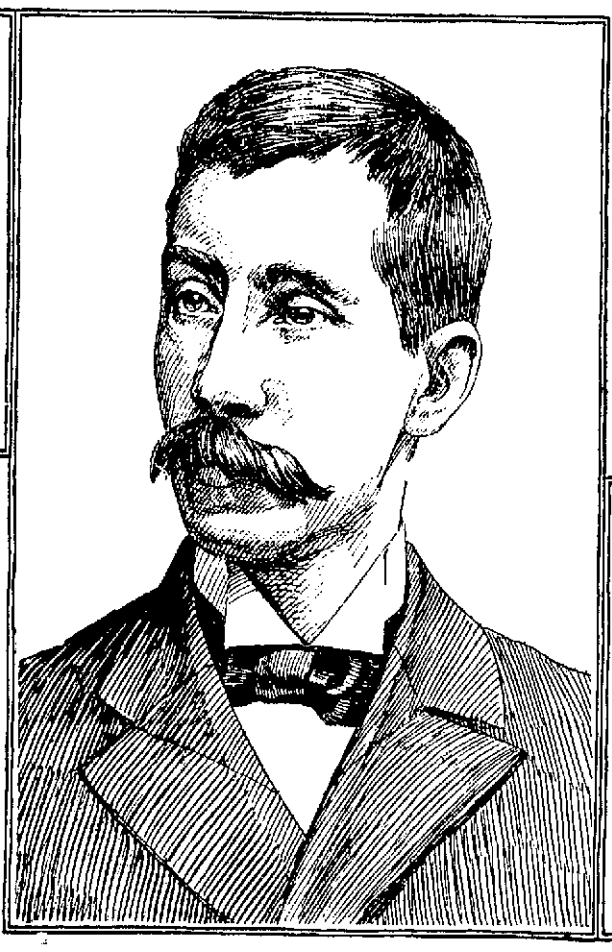
Returning to Japan by way of Europe, where he spent a few months in further study, young Komura at first entered the judiciary department of the home government. After three years here he was transferred to the foreign office, where he began at the bottom of consular positions and worked his way up. In 1894 he had reached the important post of secretary of legation at Peking and was acting minister on the eve of the outbreak of the China-Japanese war. It thus fell upon him to close diplomatic relations, close the legation and bear the flag of Japan back to Tokyo.

At the close of the war Mr. Komura was thrown into the middle of things in Manchuria, being made civil governor of the recently captured province of Antung. But through the interference of the powers Russia succeeded in taking the spoils of war that Japan had won, Antung going with the rest. Again returning to Tokyo, Komura was honored by the mikado with the decoration of the third order of the Sacred Treasure, and almost at once was sent as special commissioner and afterward as minister resident to Korea. This was the most important position he had yet held, as even then there was a diplomatic battle on between Russia and Japan for the control of Korean affairs. When the emperor took refuge in the Russian legation it was through the efforts of the Japanese minister that the foreign representatives signed an agreement and induced the frightened monarch to return to his palace.

Upon his recall to Japan Komura was made, first, a bureau chief in the foreign office and then vice minister of foreign affairs. This position he held until the latter part of 1898, when he was sent as minister to the United States.

The stay at Washington of Baron Komura—for at some time in his interesting career he was made a baron—was only a little over a year, but it was sufficiently long for him to renew old friendships, make new ones, deliver a number of public addresses and receive an LL. D. from Harvard. It was long enough, also, for those with whom he came in contact to learn thoroughly to like him. They found him affable, frank, cultured, unassuming, but keen, careful and capable. He was especially popular with newspaper men, for he was always free to talk, but enough of a diplomat never to say anything that he needed to take back or that in any way could involve him or his country, a thing that unhappily has not been true of all ministers.

Even in 1900 the tension between Japan and Russia was being drawn tighter than was entirely comfortable, and in February of that year affairs had reached a state that required a master diplomat to represent Japanese interests at St. Petersburg. Komura was chosen for the post. After a time the Boxer uprising came along, and there was need of a strong man as Japanese minister to China. Komura was called for that. Then in September, 1901, a new cabinet was formed in Japan. The long brewing conflict with Russia was taking form. The contest was still in the diplomatic stage, but in that field superior generalship was required. On the head of the foreign office would depend the fate of Japan in this fierce, though bloodless, conflict. There was one man who had all the qualifications for the place. If his career had been especially designed to this end it could not have better fitted him for the position. He had been in actual physical contact with every country involved—China, Korea, Manchuria and Russia. He had been given a five years' course in international law in America, supplemented by a year as minister to that country. He had held almost every post in the foreign office up to and including that of vice head. Step by step he had been intrusted with more and more trying positions. He had failed in none. What wonder that all eyes turned to Komura and that he has become the man of the hour in Japan!



BARON JUTARO KOMURA.



ABANDONING JAPANESE LEGATION AT PEKING.

It is difficult to measure the requirements of the position in which the practical head of the Japanese cabinet has been placed in the negotiations of the past two years. There was not only the outside problem to be met, but the inside one as well, for the Japs are an impulsive people, and they are in a patriotic fervor for war. It has been Baron Komura's effort to maintain peace, at least until the army and navy of his country could be prepared for the mighty and apparently unequal struggle. Komura knew and knows the strength of Russia. His eyes and ears were open during the time spent as representative to her capital. He has not been deceived by the cry that the Japs could whip her as they whipped China. But holding off a hotheaded and indignant people from war is no pleasant or easy task, especially when that people lives in the orient, where assassinations are frequent and where neither an official's ability nor his popularity shields him from the bullet or knife of some overzealous patriot. There has not lacked ground for just this fear in Komura's case. In fact, threats have been openly made against his life. The easy thing in such a case would have been to let the people have their way and plunge the nation into war. A less conscientious man would have had little trouble to excuse such a course. It would have been the popular thing to do; would, indeed, have made him the national hero for the time being. None of these considerations has apparently swayed Komura. Without bluster, but with firmness and dignity, he has held his own against the Russian foreign office, on the one hand, and against the too ardent war shouters of his own land, on the other. One hasty or ill advised step on his part would have precipitated the physical conflict at almost any time, and from the Japanese viewpoint there have existed more than ample grievances to have justified that action. Russia's stealing of the legitimate fruits of Japan's victory over China is not forgotten by the Jap. But Baron Komura has considered it better to err on the side of cautiousness than on the side of rashness. So he has preferred to steer a difficult course between a fire both in the front and in the rear rather than to bring on armed conflict while any other course was possible. Thus has he shown himself to be not only the skillful diplomat, but the conscientious statesman as well.

The master stroke in the negotiations thus far is unquestionably the recent double treaty of Japan and the United States with China opening the door into the capital of Manchuria and two of her Yalu river ports. Is it not entirely probable that this move was engineered by Komura? He had served as minister both at Peking and Washington; hence had formed personal friendships with the diplomats of these two countries. Japan was the nation chiefly concerned, so it is not probable that the suggestion came from either China or America. All indications point to Komura as the originator of the idea, and if he is, that fact marks him as a master of statecraft and as entitled to the diplomatic victory which he has won.

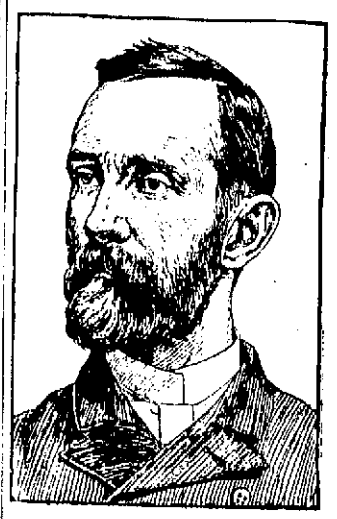
CHANNING A. BARTOW.

HOW SINGERS KEEP IN FORM.

The diet of a singer has to be as carefully considered and limited as that of an athlete in training. Mme. Melba is devoted to sweets, but she never allows herself one. Mme. Nordica confesses to sometimes having a perfectly childish craving for an abundant feast of sweets and pastries, yet she denies herself both. Mme. Patti has sacrificed practically everything to her voice.

A PROMINENT LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

One of the most scholarly and brilliant debaters on the Democratic side of the national house of representatives is David A. De Armond of Missouri. He was born in Pennsylvania fifty-nine years ago and while a young man took up the practice of law at Butler, Mo., his present home. He did not seek political honors, but almost against his will was made state senator, then circuit judge and afterward supreme court commissioner. When he was elected to congress the first time he did not enter the race for the nomination until his opponents had canvassed the district, but in such high esteem was he held that he easily captured the nomination. He is now serving his seventh term as a member of the house. He speaks extemporaneously, but for choice diction, clearness, force and grasp of his subject he has few equals on either side of the chamber. He is now assistant floor leader for the Democrats.



JUDGE DAVID A. DE ARMOND.

OF INTEREST TO BIRD LOVERS.

The story of the first introduction of canaries into Europe has been often told, but it may still interest some to know that the millions of captive canaries in the world are the descendants of a consignment in a ship wrecked 350 years ago off the island of Elba, where they multiplied until their marvelous singing powers caused their capture, till not a bird was left. In their natural state, as they still exist in the Canary and Madeira and other Atlantic islands, the birds are of a grayish green or greenish brown color and are not remarkable for beauty, but they have been known to burst the membrane of their throats in pouring forth their song.

INTERESTING PICTURES GATHERED FROM FAR AND NEAR

MARK TWAIN'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER.



The home life of Samuel M. Clemens, the dean of the college of American humor, is said to be as happy as his own expressions. Mrs. Clemens was a Miss Olivia Langdon of Elmira, N. Y., when she married the then Mississippi river steamboat man, who has since become the foremost humorist of any age. Miss Clemens inherits some of her father's wit, although she says it is hard to be the daughter of a man who has to live up to the public's expectations of a "funny man."

A FIREPROOF SUIT WHICH IS FIREPROOF.



There have been very many "fireproof" contrivances, theaters among the rest, that but added to the sport of the fire fiend, but the suit shown in the accompanying illustration, which has passed through many tests, has shown itself to be absolutely noninflammable. Over the helmet, which is much like that of a diver, an automatic spray constantly discharges water. On the inside of this helmet is a bag containing oxygen, which makes it possible for the wearer to breathe even in the densest smoke.

AN EYEWITNESS OF WATERLOO.

At Norwich, England, lives an old lady who is believed to be the only surviving eyewitness of the famous battle of Waterloo. She was born at Beaminster in 1810, hence was five years old at the time of Napoleon's final defeat. Her parents were visiting in Belgium in the vicinity of Waterloo when the battle was fought, and the impression on the child's mind was such that it has never been effaced.



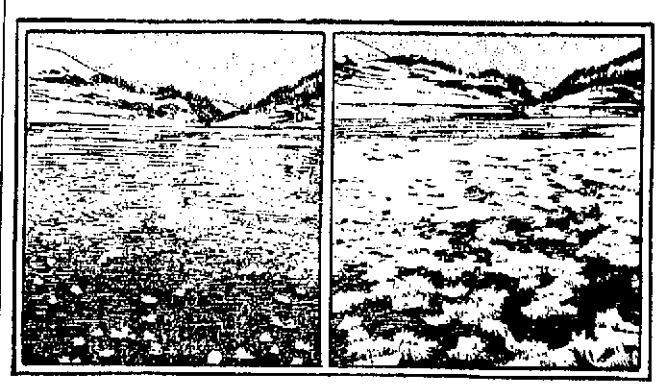
MRS. ELIZABETH WILKENS.

THE TOMB OF CONFUCIUS.

At Ch'ufowhsien, Shangtung, China, stands the tomb of Confucius, the celebrated Chinese philosopher, who died 478 B. C. The precepts of this great teacher have become the basis for much of the Chinese religion; hence this spot is one of the most sacred in the Celestial empire. The illustration is from the only photograph of the tomb in existence.



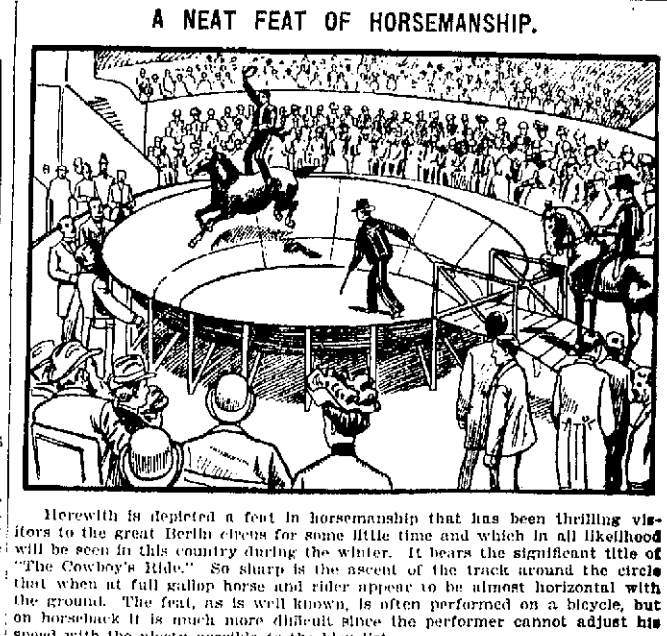
THE FROST FLOWERS OF ST. MORITZ.



FIRST GROWTH OF THE FLOWERS ON THE ICE. THE SAME SCENE TWO HOURS LATER.

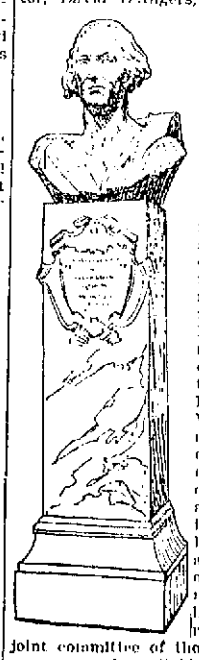
On the mountain lakes and streams surrounding St. Moritz, in the Engadine, Switzerland, is to be seen a series of very peculiar formations each winter. These are called "frost flowers," the name having been given them by Professor John Tyndall. They are fernlike in their forms of crystallization and are due to the sun's rays falling upon the ice. They ruin the surface of the lakes and rivers for skating. The illustrations are taken from recent photographs made of the peculiar growths, which are in no sense vegetable and are only referred to as "flowers" because of their peculiar resemblance to a field of snow white blossoms.

A NEAT FEAT OF HORSEMANSHIP.



Herewith is depicted a feat in horsemanship that has been thrilling visitors to the great Berlin circus for some little time and which in all likelihood will be seen in this country during the winter. It bears the significant title of "The Cowboy's Ride." So sharp is the ascent of the track around the circle that when at full gallop horse and rider appear to be almost horizontal with the ground. The feat, as is well known, is often performed on a bicycle, but on horseback it is much more difficult since the performer cannot adjust his speed with the nicety possible to the bicyclist.

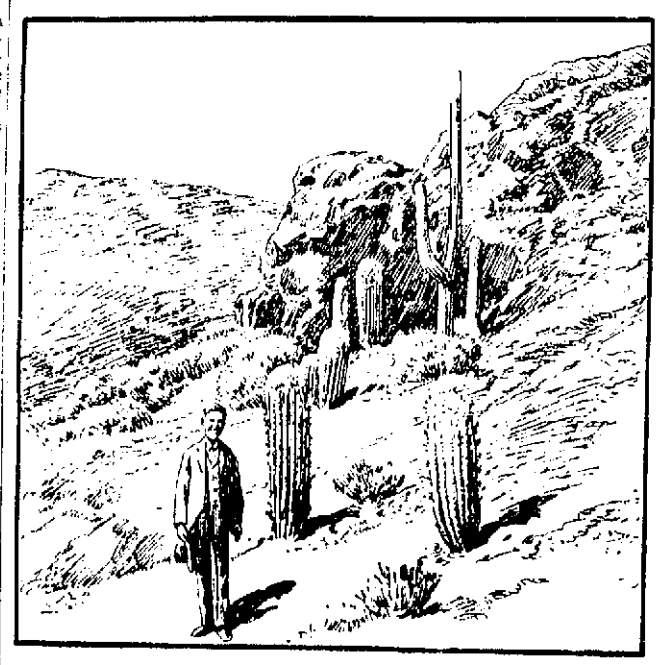
FAMOUS WORK OF ART REPRODUCED.



The famous bust of Washington made by the illustrious French sculptor, David D'Angers, which was destroyed in the burning of the Congressional library in 1857, is to be reproduced in bronze by order of the French government and presented to the American congress. The gift is designed to show the appreciation of the members of the mission which represented France at the recent unveiling of the statue to the Count de Rochambeau in Washington and as an expression of the gratitude of France because of that act. The Washington bust has been made from a plaster cast of the original marble. It will be appropriately received by a joint committee of the two houses of congress, and a suitable site will be selected for it in the capitol.

The average number of visitors in New York city is estimated at 200,000, and their stay is ten days

CACTUS RAISING A NOVEL INDUSTRY.



A unique industry that has been successfully developed in Arizona by Dr. R. E. Kunze, a former New Yorker, is that of raising cactus plants on a large scale. The accompanying illustration gives a view of the farm and of its enterprising owner. Dr. Kunze is primarily a scientist, and it was his love for botany that impelled him to see what could be done in the way of growing unique varieties of the ubiquitous cactus. At first he stocked his farm with every variety of the local plant, but by degrees began to import specimens from distant regions, until today the visitor to the cactus plantation will find all manner of oddities arrayed in a gorgeous color scheme

THE LATEST BALANCING FEAT.

In a play recently presented in this country two clever acrobats from Paris gave a number of rather sensational and startling exhibitions, the most difficult of which is here illustrated. The support resting on the chin of the athlete is not attached to the bicycle, which makes the feat all the more remarkable.



TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

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6.24	7.40	6.30	7.26
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e7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
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8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
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4.25	5.10	6.14	7.30
a5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.05
a6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
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SUNDAY TRAINS

a6.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
e7.24	8.10	2.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.04

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.39
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12.45	1.57	3.36	4.65
2.30	3.35	4.59	6.00
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SUNDAY TRAINS

8.16	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
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Dr. Daniel A. O'Hearn of this city attended a banquet at Boston Monday night tendered by the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters to their medical examiners.

Fred C. Church, Lowell's enterprising insurance agent, has gone to New York and Baltimore in the interest of his many customers.

Aside from his large business in Lowell (the largest agency north of Boston) he also places large lines throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and the west, and while the companies represented at this agency are solid beyond a doubt or question, it is the policy of Mr. Church to make personal and searching investigations at all points. His numerous customers may, therefore, feel assured that their interests are being well watched and cared for.

WRIST FRACTURED

JAMES MADDEN SLIPPED ON THE FLOOR.

James Madden, residing at 146 Meadowcroft street, met with a painful accident while at work at the Massachusetts Mohair plush mill in Western avenue this morning. He was walking across the floor when he slipped and fell, fracturing his right wrist. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his injury was dressed.

WAS HELPLESS

Fire Alarm Saved Patrick Maguire's Life

But for the alarm from box 16 at 4.41 this morning, Patrick Maguire, 50, would have frozen to death in Union street where he was stricken with a chock and lay in the snow conscious but helpless.

Sergt. Freeman, in responding to the alarm, came upon Maguire. He was in the middle of the street and the officer fearful that some of the fire apparatus might come that way carried him to the sidewalk.

Two men who knew Maguire happened along and he was removed to his home at the corner of Cherry and Chapel streets. He is employed as fireman by the Hamilton corporation and was on his way to work when stricken by the shock. He has been in the employ of the Hamilton corporation for years and is a sober and industrious man. Maguire after receiving medical attendance stated that he had been in the street for about ten minutes and had given up all hope of any assistance when the officer arrived. When the alarm rang, he said, he expected that the horses would come that way and run over him.

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RUSSIAN-JAPAN WAR

(Continued.)

JAPAN CRITICIZED FOR MAKING ATTACK

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Japan's initial success in the far east with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur, produced a deep impression both on the people and military and naval critics here. The comment at the marine department was that even temporary disablement of three warships placed the Russians at a great disadvantage in the future operations. It was added that the torpedoing of the enemy's vessels lying under powerful land batteries must have been carried out daringly and skilfully.

The socialist leaders and newspapers take an extreme anti-Russian position in their comments on the war.

The Tageblatt Rundschau, a paper much read by court, military and naval people, asserts in strong terms that Japan disregarded international law in attacking without a declaration of war.

FUNDS FOR JAPAN TO BE RAISED HERE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Sadazuchi Uchida, the Japanese consul, presided at a dinner given last night by Japanese merchants of New York in honor of the victory of the Imperial naval forces at Port Arthur. A committee was appointed to arrange for the raising of funds by the Japanese in this country in aid of the national cause and for a mass meeting of Japanese here in a few days. It is intended to raise $5,000,000 to be devoted to the regular war loan, to absolute gifts to the Imperial government and to the maintenance of the Japanese Red Cross service.

MIDNIGHT ATTACK OF JAPANESE NAVY

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Accounts of the opening battle of the war, received here by the Associated Press, indicate that the Russian naval officials were taken wholly off their guard by the Japanese torpedo attack. They did not expect the Japanese would appear for three or four days or at least until a formal declaration of war had been made. As evening fell but one ship kept up a searchlight which with the lighthouses seemed to be all sufficient as no attack was expected. A few torpedo boats were patrolling in the outer harbor; all the others were within the basin when after eleven o'clock the deep silence was broken by three muffled explosions in quick succession, caused several of the vessels to vibrate violently, the Columbia in particular. Instantly the firing began, the searchlights were turned on, but the enemy could not be located.

At twenty minutes of three, Russian naval officers boarded the Columbia in great excitement, saying the viceroy had ordered the Columbia not to attempt to leave, presumably to prevent the ship from acquainting the Japanese with the extent of the Russian damage.

Daylight revealed two Japanese cruisers on the horizon.

After daybreak a strange apathy seemed to possess the Russians until twenty minutes past eight, when the Russians started in pursuit, going in shore towards Port Dalny. They returned at a quarter past nine without having fired.

It was almost 11 o'clock when the Japanese squadron of 16, including five battleships, appeared in fine order.

At a quarter past eleven there came the first flash from a Japanese vessel and a 12-inche shell landed near the torpedo boats grouped near the entrance of the harbor. The aim was splendid.

Owing to confusion on the part of the quarantine officials, or perhaps because the Russians thought the Japanese would not like to fire near the British flag the Columbia was close to the Russian fleet and in the line of fire and the Japanese shells fell thickly around her; several bursting near by and strewing the deck with splinters and water. The captain of the Columbia then, in spite of the protests of the Russian guards on board, got his vessel out of danger, making full speed for Che Foo.

The bombardment lasted until a quarter of twelve. Three Russian battleships were hit but the extent of the damage could not be ascertained. Apparently no ship on either side was disabled.

The Russian cruiser Novok fought pluckily, keeping closer by far than any other Russian vessel to the Japanese until the heavy fire concentrated on her compelled her to retire on the battleships.

Before action the men on the warships could be seen throwing lumber overboard. The Russian ships constantly wheeled around in the same position while the Japanese kept in battle formation and retired slowly in line to the southward.

The Columbia escaped with a small hole in her after deck.

FRANCE'S POSITION DECIDED UPON

PARIS, Feb. 10.—At a council of ministers yesterday under the presidency of M. Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse communicated the news of the first Japanese attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur, and announced that the French minister at Tokio had been instructed to secure the protection of Russian subjects and their interests in Japan.

The attitude of the French government in view of the war, is now definitely determined upon. France will maintain neutrality under any and all circumstances, the Franco-Russian alliance being construed as not requiring France to intervene in behalf of Russia, even should Great Britain or any other third power intervene in behalf of Japan.

A CRUSHING BLOW DEALT TO RUSSIANS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In a despatch from Chefoo, dated Feb. 9, a correspondent of the Daily Express says:

"The Japanese have dealt the Russians a crushing blow at Port Arthur. An advance squadron of the Japanese fleet under command of Vice Admiral Togo, and comprising sixteen battleships and cruisers, with a numerous torpedo flotilla, left the main fleet off Shan Tung peninsula on Sunday, immediately that the news of the diplomatic rupture became known. This information was conveyed to the Japanese admiral by a destroyer despatched from Tushima Saturday evening.

"The Japanese scouting cruisers had given accurate information of the precarious situation of the Russian fleet outside Port Arthur. The squadron steamed slowly in battle formation Sunday, mid-day, and came within sight of Port Arthur under cover of darkness. It cruised slowly outside without showing lights. The Russians were lying in the roadstead apparently feeling secure from attack. Nearly all the Japanese torpedo boats were sent on their dangerous and daring task. They rushed full steam on the enemy, who were completely surprised. A great rattle of small arms greeted the invaders who, however, escaped unhurt and the Retvizan, the Czarevitch and the Pallada were almost immediately torpedoed. The Japanese dashed along the entire line of the Russians, exposed to a terrific fire from machine guns and small arms from both the ships and the shore. There was the utmost consternation among the Russians, which probably accounts for the Japanese torpedo boats escaping unscathed and rejoining the admiral outside. The admiral's fleet, during the attack, kept out of range of the Russian searchlights.

"Line of battle was then formed and the Japanese fleet moved in within a range of 2½ miles and opened fire on the Russians.

"Two large and two small British steamers engaged in the coasting trade, and an American flour ship, the Pleiades, are blocked inside Port Arthur harbor by the disabled battleships, says the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Chefoo, in a despatch dated Tuesday evening. The Russians are endeavoring by pumps and collision mats, he continues, to stop the holes in their battleships in order to take them inside at high water.

JAPANESE SHIPS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Chemulpo yesterday. It is said the engagement began at 11 a. m. and continued until 3 p. m. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk, the larger one fired and hopelessly disabled. A part of her crew is reported to have escaped to the shore and to have been captured.

The Japanese ships are reported to be slightly damaged.

Official confirmation of the report is unobtainable.

It was reported Monday that the Russian cruisers Korletz and Varlag were lying at Chemulpo and it is possible that they were the vessels reported to have been engaged.

SERIOUS DIFFERENCES IN RUSSIAN CIRCLES

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10—A rigid censorship is exercised on all telegrams from Port Arthur and the public is still completely in the dark as to the result of the fighting there. The report given out by the admiralty yesterday of the sinking of eleven Japanese warships in the far east, traveled over Russia and Europe, and St. Petersburg was besieged by telegrams asking for confirmation. Later in the day, when doubt was cast on the accuracy of this report, public anxiety became more active.

Inquiries for an official statement were met with the response that in accordance with the circular issued last Sunday all official reports would first appear in the Official Messenger. The statement published in London that M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister presented the note from his government on Feb. 5th, is not true. This note was received here on the evening of Feb. 5th, but it was not presented until Feb. 6th.

Serious differences have arisen in high quarters over the command of the Russian land forces in the far east. One faction favors placing both land and sea forces under Viceroy Alexieff, and the generals and other high officers of the army believe that the prestige of General Kuropatkin, the war minister, is essential to achieving success with the land forces, and they therefore urge a division of authority.

In any event, it is understood that Viceroy Alexieff, as the czar's representative in the far east, will have general direction of the operations.

As to the passage of Lake Baikal by train across the ice appears to be too dangerous, the Russian reinforcements will cross the ice on foot and the war material will be transported over a temporary line.

A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Port Arthur says:

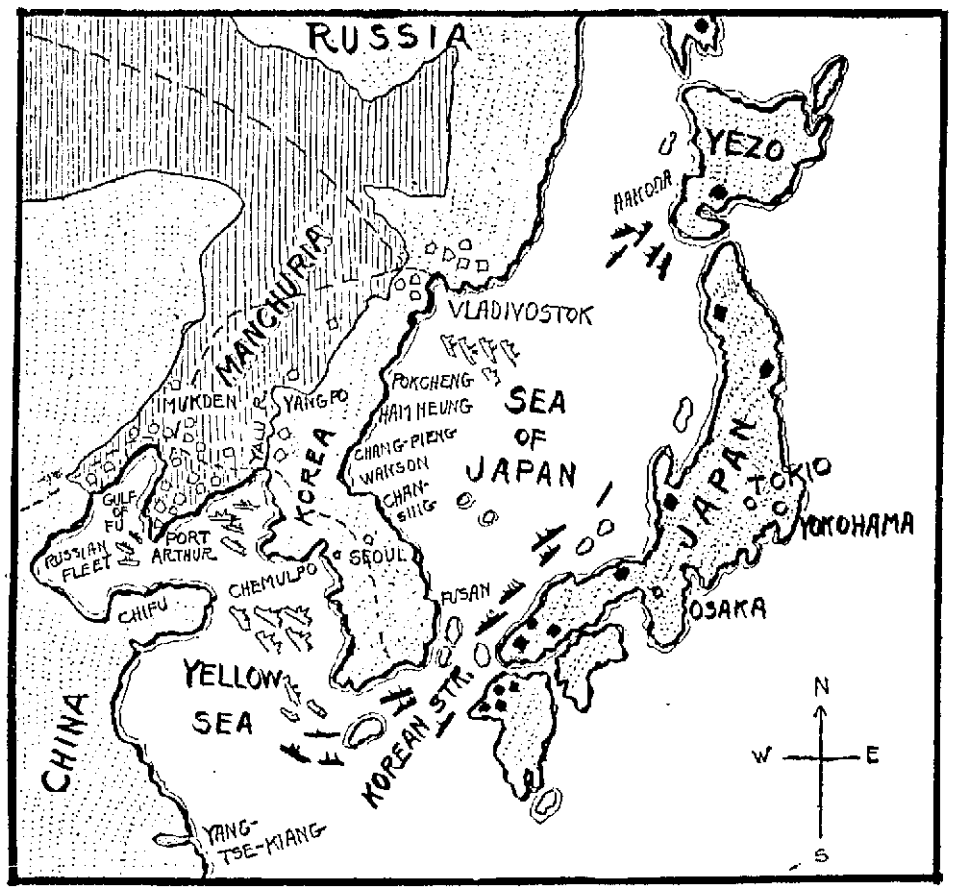
"In consequence of Korea's neutrality it is assumed here that Japan will be obliged to withdraw her infantry and artillery from Seoul. Much uneasiness is reported at Seoul owing to the arrival there of Japanese soldiers, who intend to build barracks. The Korean noblemen who have been residing in Japan have received permission to return home."

JAPANESE INFANTRY LANDED IN KOREA

ROME, Feb. 10.—The Patria publishes comment on the first engagement in the far east, supposedly from the pen of Admiral Bettelo, who has twice filled the post of minister of marine. The writer says:

"The result of this first attack is exceptionally grave, and shows that the Russian commander was not prepared. It points also to the possibility of future catastrophies. The Japanese showed notable perspicuity and foresight, and the fact that the Russians were surprised at night proves that they were not vigilant. If the Russian ships had been surrounded by metallic nets as is prescribed in warfare; if they had employed searchlights, and especially if their torpedo boat destroyers had been active, this surprise could not have brought such disastrous consequences. The Japanese have proved their water-scout service to be excellent, as in the darkness of night they knew exactly where to strike. As the Russians have no dock yard facilities in the east to repair the damages inflicted on their ships, it follows that the three vessels struck by torpedoes are useless for service in the present war."

Official advices here from Tokio say that four battalions of Japanese infantry have landed in Korea near Seoul.



WAR MAP OF THE FAR EAST.

The white squares show position of Russian army; the black squares show position of Japanese army. White ships are Russian; black ships are Japanese. The lines show territory claimed by Russia.

150 FRENCHMEN OFFERED TO ENLIST

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The Russian embassy here has refused offers of enlistment from Frenchmen, numbering about 150.

The Echo De Paris, says the embassy has also refused the offer of an American ship owner to place his ships at the disposal of Russia to act as privateers.

THE RUSSIAN LOSS IN FIRST BATTLE

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—6.20 a.m.—A second telegram has been received from Viceroy Alexieff. It is dated Feb. 9, and says:

"A Japanese squadron of fifteen battleships and cruisers today began to bombard Port Arthur. The fortress replied and the squadron weighed anchor in order to participate in the battle."

A third telegram from the viceroy says that after a bombardment lasting one hour, the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and steamed southward. "Our losses," the viceroy continues, "are two naval officers and 51 men wounded and nine men killed, and on the coast batteries one man killed and three wounded.

"During the engagement the battleship Poltava and the cruisers Diana, Asokld and Novik, were each damaged on the water line. The damage to the fortress was not important."

RUSSIAN BOATS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

PARIS, Feb. 10—A dispatch received here from St. Petersburg says the Japanese fleet which attacked the Russian warships off Port Arthur Monday night included 17 armored vessels. The Russian battleships Boyarin and Czarewitch, according to the dispatch, were seriously damaged, and not simply "damaged" as announced from Port Arthur direct.

SERIES OF FIRES

In Jos. Flynn's Block on Elm Street

The ringing of three alarms from box 16, all within a space of seven hours, today, and all for fires in a block owned by Joseph Flynn in Elm place, off Elm street, has led the people to believe that there is some person who is trying to destroy Mr. Flynn's property. While three alarms were pulled in today, an alarm from the same box for a fire in the same building was sounded the first of the month.

At 1.56 o'clock this morning the fire department was summoned by an alarm from box 16 to the first fire and discovered it in a pile of old rubbish in the cellar. The barrel was filled with shavings and small chips of wood and if it had not been discovered when it was it is hard to tell what damage might have been done.

The fire was discovered by one of the members of a family named Birmingham residing on the first floor directly over where the fire occurred. One of the members of the family is ill in bed and while another of the family was getting a glass of water she detected the odor of smoke and also heard the cracking of the flames. It was at her instigation that the alarm was pulled in.

When the department arrived there was a lively blaze in progress but it was soon placed under control. After the last spark had been extinguished the department returned to their respective houses.

At 4.41 another alarm sounded from box 16 and when the firemen reached the vicinity of that box they learned that the fire was in the Flynn block, and some of them evidently thought that a spark from the first fire might have started another fire, but on this occasion the fire was in the partition which separates the kitchen from a bedroom in the Birmingham tenement.

The fire started directly in the rear of the place where the flour barrel is located. Upon investigation it was found that there was a large hole which at first resembled a rat hole but which afterwards was found to be a space which was left open when the building was erected.

One of the occupants of the house claimed that a spark from the first fire must have started the second one, but as they were in two separate parts of the house and as there was not the least sign of a trail where the fire could have travelled this theory was abandoned.

The firemen extinguished the second blaze and then returned to their houses again.

Early this morning Chief Hosmer telephoned to Fire Marshal's Aid Casey in Haverhill notifying that official to come to this city at his earliest opportunity.

At 9.49 this morning a third alarm from box 16 was pulled in and again when the fire department responded it was found that the trouble this time was in the Flynn building, but upon the arrival of the department there was no sign of fire. One of the occupants of the tenement said that there had been a big blaze where the second fire had started in the partition between the kitchen and bedroom, and that she had succeeded in extinguishing it with water.

When the firemen arrived there was not the least sign of fire or smoke and while they did not care about doubting the woman's word they thought it strange that there would not be some sign of smoke or fire.

The fire on the first day of the month was in the cellar of this building and started like the first one this morning, in a pile of rubbish.

Joseph Flynn who owns the building upon entering the tenement after the last fire this morning said, "It looks crooked to have three fires in this house today and four this month. It would seem to appear that someone is trying to burn my block."

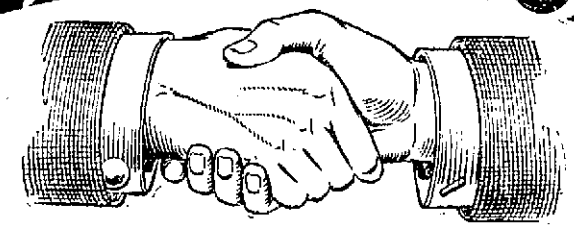
A representative of The Sun asked Chief Hosmer what he thought the cause of the fire was. He said:

"If I say it is suspicious people may think that I mean it was set intentionally. All that I care to say is that I have telephoned Casey to come to Lowell to investigate the fires."

Since some of the reporters on contemporaries misinterpreted Chief Hosmer's statement that the fire at O'Donnell & Gilbridge's building was "mysterious" to mean that it was the work of a firebug, the chief has been rather careful about what statements he makes.

The insurance on the Flynn building is held by Fred C. Church.

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